

NEWSLETTER – Jan/Feb 2018

Introduction

Welcome to the monthly newsletter from Coal Aston & Dronfield Against Fracking (CADAF). The aim of this bulletin is to keep you posted of the most relevant updates in our campaign and provide information of how you can get involved or express your views in a manner that they can be heard and valued.

Check our website for the latest news: www.dronfieldagainstfracking.org



On Monday 11th February Lee Rowley MP sat on the House of Commons Public Accounts Select Committee and gave Government officials a "right old grilling" on fracking, and in particular the questions of liability for decommissioning wells after use, and the "traffic light" safety system for halting fracking when it causes earth tremors.

You can see the video on our website (www.dronfieldagainstfracking.org) or our facebook page, by clicking on the link. The video lasts around 12 minutes.

This is another example of how all our local politicians, no matter their political allegiance are doing all they can to oppose test drilling and fracking in our area. CADAF applauds them all and thanks them for their continued hard work.



CADAF, alongside many other anti fracking groups were fortunate to receive a presentation from Carol Hutchinson, who represents Concerned Healthcare Professionals of the UK. This group was formed as an off shoot from a group which originated in New York. It gathered genuine medical evidence for health care professionals to review and endorse. The UK branch has a similar brief. Anyone who works in the healthcare profession is encouraged to read the findings of the UK group, and endorse its findings. As with its USA parent group, the evidence is based on gold standard research by fellow health professionals, who are concerned that fracking will have a negative impact on our short and long term health. Their website address is www.chpuk.co.uk and all healthcare professionals are encouraged to read the findings and, if they agree, register their support for this worthy organisation.

Fracking Firms Want To Change Their Own Rules - Following the halting of hydraulic fracking at Preston New Road in Lancashire, fracking firms Quadrillia and Ineos have approached the Government to request a relaxation of the parameters in which they are allowed to frack, claiming the limits are too low. These rules were laid out by the fracking firms themselves as acceptable when trying to convince the public this was a safe and beneficial industry. To date the government has, to its credit refused to relax these parameters and CADAF applauds their stance and hopes they maintain it. Preston New Road has experienced seismic activity at more than twice the level of the maximum permitted before fracking must cease. The equipment was removed from site "for Christmas" and has yet to return.

At the time of our January meeting, iGas had withdrawn all equipment from Tinker Lane claiming they could not locate the Bowland Shale layer, where fracking for gas would take place. All equipment has now been moved to Misson Springs in Nottinghamshire to carry out a similar test drilling operation. We wish them all the luck in the world for a similar outcome.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We have secured the use of Gosforth Lodge for further meetings in 2019. The dates are as follows: 27th Feb 19, 27th Mar, 24th Apr, 29th May, 26th June, 31st July, 28th Aug. All meetings commence at 7.15 pm and refreshments are available. Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park, Callywhite Lane, Dronfield, S18 2XP. Excellent disabled access available.