

NEWSLETTER – March 2019

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



MOVING THE GOAL POSTS!!!!

As highlighted in last months newsletter, fracking firms are pushing the Government hard to relax the rules on fracking and the chemicals used. This is a desperate attempt to make their work more viable and possibly reduce seismic activity to (in their eyes) an acceptable level. Cuadrilla, the firm fracking at Preston New Road in Lancashire are trying to change the chemical composition of the fracking fluid.

This will be their 9th change to their terms and conditions of being allowed to frack this site. CADAF, along with the Preston New Road Action Group and Drill or Drop are vehemently opposed to these changes. Fracking firms are also lobbying Parliament to relax the guidelines on seismic activity parameters as they are unachievable in their current state. **These guidelines were written and are monitored by the Oil and Gas Authority which is self regulating and part funded by the fracking industry!!!**

LEE ROWLEY MP (North East Derbyshire)

Our local MP Lee Rowley is working tirelessly on our behalf to fight fracking through political means and feels that we are starting to make ground in our campaign. He has recently given a comment to our sister group Eckington Against Fracking and this quote is taken from their forthcoming newsletter.

Lee said, “There is still lots of work to be done on fracking in the coming months but there is a sense we are starting to win some battles. I’ve spent the last few months meeting with as many MPs as I can, one-on-one, to highlight the issues and concerns are clearly growing. The industry’s attempts to re-write the earthquake regulations should be called out for what they are a transparent attempt to change something which they agreed to and which, until recently, they were highlighting as acceptable. I’ll be focusing efforts in the coming weeks on highlighting that. We still have a long way to go, and we may lose some battles, but I can see how we win the war.”

CADAF thanks Lee, all his political allies, and opponents, for their continued hard work fighting fracking on our behalf. Keep up the good work for a positive outcome. Thank you all.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIVESTMENT—Currently, Derbyshire County Council has got substantial pensions funds invested in fossil fuels. We at CADAF, along with many other anti fracking groups and local councils, object strongly to this manner of investment of pension funds, and encourage all local politicians, and councils to lobby DCC to change this practise. Fossil fuels are a dying industry and surely this will affect the value of the investment? Lobby your local politicians who act for YOU!!!

FUTURE MEETINGS

We have secured the use of Gosforth Lodge for further meetings in 2019. The dates are as follows: 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.

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