

NEWSLETTER – April 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

START YOUR OWN DAILY MILE

Some of you may be aware of the Daily Mile campaign running in schools throughout the country, whereby children run (in school uniform) for 15 minutes per day in an effort to promote fitness and good health.

However, this campaign is supported by Ineos. Three of the five trustees have served or worked for Ineos, and we at CADAF feel this is simply a marketing campaign rather than a genuine desire to promote good health. In the 15 minutes your child is running, Ineos will have churned out 45 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from their Grangemouth factory alone, and made 28 tonnes of plastic, much of which is single use, and ends up in the worlds oceans. We at CADAF want schools and their local authorities to do their own version of the daily mile, without the input and advertising of Ineos, as we also encourage a healthy lifestyle in our children, which is further promoted by not breathing in heavily polluted air.

TEAM SKY TO TEAM INEOS

FRESH FROM SPONSORING BEN AINSLEY IN HIS AMERICAS CUP ENDEAVOURS, JIM RATCLIFFE AND HIS INEOS ORGANISATION HAVE NOW TAKEN OVER TEAM SKY TO BECOME TEAM INEOS. IT IS SOMEWHAT IRONIC THAT THE RIDERS OF TEAM SKY WHO PUBLICLY OBJECTED TO SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN THE RECENT PAST, ARE NOW HAPPILY ACCEPTING THE MONEY OF A MAIN PRODUCER OF SUCH A PRODUCT.

THE TEAMS 1ST EVENT UNDER THE INEOS NAME IS THE TOUR DE YORKSHIRE, WHICH RUNS FROM THE 2ND TO THE 5TH MAY 2019. ECKINGTON AGAINST FRACKING ARE PLANNING A PEACFUL DEMONSTRATION ALONG THE ROUTE WHICH DOES NOT COME INTO OUR AREA THIS YEAR. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT THEM OR CADAF FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

CADAF FEEL IT IS MORALLY WRONG FOR A MAJOR POLLUTER TO SPONSOR SUCH ACTIVITES, WHICH RELY ON A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT TO FULFILL ITS MAXIMUM POTENTIAL, AND ENJOYMENT, FOR BOTH COMPETITIOR AND SPECTATOR ALIKE.

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.

Lee has recently taken part in a debate tabled by a fellow MP on the Government proposals on Permitted Development and Shale Gas Exploration. Numerous MP's lodged objections to these proposals, the consultation period for which, has now closed, pending consideration. Lee has also had a 1st reading of a bill brought before Parliament on stopping any relaxation of the regulations relating to earth tremors caused by fracking activity. No objections were received to the bill and it is expecting a 2nd reading in the very near future. We obviously wish Lee every success for this reading, and the passing of the bill.

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.

WHAT CAN I DO?

There are many ways in which you can help the fight against fracking. These include:

- Lobby your local, district, and county councillors stating your objections. Remember, they work for you, on your behalf.
- Write to your local MP who is Lee Rowley at 62 Market St, Eckington, Derbyshire, S21 4JH or email him at lee.rowley.mp@parliament.uk
- Attend an anti fracking meeting with ideas, offers of help, or just support other anti fracking campaigners.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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