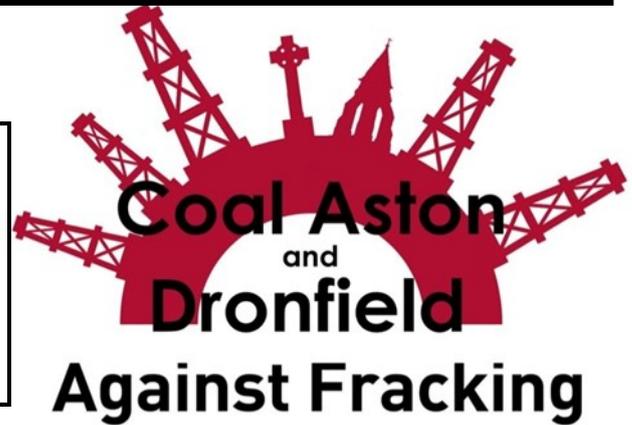


NEWSLETTER – July 2019

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



CLIMATE EMERGENCY!!!!

North East Derbyshire District Council are meeting at their Wingerworth offices in Chesterfield, at 2pm on Monday 8th July. They are meeting to discuss whether they should declare a “climate emergency”, similar to many other councils throughout the country. Derbyshire County Council have already discussed declaring a climate emergency last month, but, on a majority vote, rejected this, instead adopting a “climate manifesto”, which many saw as a very much watered down version. CADAF and our sister groups are in opposition to this, and feel that more needs to be done in all areas of the UK. **YOU** can make a difference at the district councils discussion, by making your feelings known to them. Your councillors were voted for by you and represent your voice, not theirs. Climate change and fracking are linked in this area, due to the intended use of any gas potentially extracted from Bramley Moor Lane by Ineos. This fossil fuel will not be used by anyone in the area, but simply piped to Grangemouth, to fuel a plant that causes severe Co2 pollution through its plastics manufacturing. These Grangemouth plants alarmingly also use more electricity than Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen COMBINED!!! This plastic is then discarded by we, the public, where much of it ends up in our oceans, where its nodules can enter our food chain, or, in far off lands where they are just too full to recycle it, and so dump it out of sight, often at sea. We at CADAF, alongside many local and district councils cannot stand by and let this continue.

We are asking that you contact your district councillor. Regardless of your political persuasion, they do work hard for our area and need to hear your opinions and values. We feel this is too important to ignore.

The contact details for all councillors are displayed on this noticeboard, or in various media delivered throughout the year. You can also find their details on the internet. Visit www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk and click on “My Councillor”. Please do this ASAP.

There is also a lobbying of this meeting planned by members of the public which anyone is welcome to attend. They are meeting at The Hunloke Arms, Wingerworth, S42 6RW at 1.30pm where they will march to the council offices with banners and a coffin.

Former fracking boss says fracking “doesn’t make much sense” - John Browne, the former chairman of Cuadrilla, responsible for Preston New Road, has admitted that fracking has failed. He stated in an interview with The Guardian that fracking “was a test to see if it worked” and “we” probably don’t need to do it. Fracking is banned in several European countries, and is strongly opposed by Scotland and Wales. Even they admit its not right.

Proof That Fracking Is Harmful To Health

A group of Doctors and scientists have released a report stating that 84% of all studies published about fracking, from 2009 to 2015, conclude it is harmful to our health. These range from air pollution from the wells, to illness, still births, asthma, fatigue and so on. This also follows another report from environmental groups in Pennsylvania USA, which has called on the State Governor to investigate a strong link between childhood cancers and fracking. There has been a steep increase in childhood cancers being reported since fracking commenced. Fracking has been happening in the USA for a number of years and these findings are starting to come to light.

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: 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November, 29th January 2020, and 26th February 2020. All meetings commence at 7.15 pm and refreshments are available.

Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park, Callywhite Lane, Dronfield, S18 2XP.

Excellent disabled access available.