

NEWSLETTER – August 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!!! (ish)

North East Derbyshire District Council held a meeting at their Wingerworth office on 8th July 2019, to discuss declaring a climate emergency, in a similar manner to many other local and district councils throughout the country. The council agreed to adopt a more “watered down” version of the proposal which, whilst CADAF are disappointed in, we also accept it as a step in the right direction from our local politicians, and whilst not fully related to fracking, is a further step towards helping reduce the effect of climate change, and the reliance of harmful fossil fuels, which the gas from fracking would be.

BORIS JOHNSON MOVES INTO NO 10

No matter whether you love him, or loathe him, the fact remains that Boris Johnson certainly isn't a man to be ignored. He has the support of our local MP Lee Rowley, whom we hope will continue his hard work under his new leader in his opposition to fracking. The new Prime Ministers cabinet does now contain more historical “pro frackers” than that of Mrs May so we are prepared to up the pressure on our local and national politicians in the hope that they will rid our country of fracking once and for all. There is growing proof it is harmful to both ourselves and the environment and is not cost effective to boot.

Consultation on Measures to Reduce Personal Water Use—DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) are holding a consultation which closes on 11th October 2019. All our comments are invited, and again, whilst not fracking related, the fracking industry uses an immense amount of water, which will then be contaminated and not easy to recycle back into the main supply. Visit the DEFRA website <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/measures-to-reduce-personal-water-use/> and add your comments.

Divestment of Pension Funds From Fossil Fuels

The pension funds of various councils and local authorities, are to be discussed at a meeting in Birmingham shortly. Our councils have vast pension pots, and they are under increasing pressure to move the money from funds which support fossil fuels, into those that don't. We at CADAF do not support pension funds being used to invest in fossil fuels, and hope this group make the right decision and divest pensions away from these types of funds. You too could speak with your pensions advisor and ask that they do likewise. However large or small the amount, every little bit helps.

Report by the Committee on Climate Change

A report released by the Committee on Climate Change which is given to Parliament has stated that the Government has failed so far in its targets towards climate change. We are now falling behind many other countries in tackling climate change and our infrastructure cannot cope with further increases in temperature. The Government is advised to further reduce our dependence on fossil fuels (gas from fracking) and focus more heavily on renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind and tidal. CADAF fully supports this report and hopes that our leaders take these comments on board.

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:
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.