

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF P-A-IN HELD AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL, THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007

Present: See sign-in sheet

Apologies: Anderson family, J. Anderson, Bailey family, P. Cullen, P. Frost, J. Kitts, B. Norris, J. Parsons, T. Stevens, R. Twyning

The meeting opened at 7.50 p.m. and was chaired by S. Downen.

### Treasurer's Report

A donation of £500 towards the campaign has been received from P. Tipping. We are still pursuing the £1000 promised originally by Mansfield East Area Assembly. Current bank balance stands at £2309.36

### Membership Secretary's Report

Membership currently stands at 136 paid members. Enquiries are still being received by interested members of public and information packs are being sent out. In addition, 40 more people are receiving information from the group.

### Distribution

The team is currently awaiting the production of new leaflets for wider distribution beyond the village.

**Alan Tift** reported that the presentation prepared by Shlomo Downen for the Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Newark & Sherwood District Council, which was delivered in a closed meeting, was extremely well received. The Chair asked for comments, which, in the main, were complimentary and encouraging. There was, apparently one negative response where both P.A.IN and the Parish Council were accused of not attending the Liaison Group meeting. Additionally, the presentation made by Veolia prompted the asking of many questions.

The planning application by Veolia is imminent. Paddy Tipping is intent on calling in the application for a public enquiry.

We need to look for an alternative venue for the meeting, to allow us to start earlier than we are able to do now. Meeting voted Alan and Linda Tift to research the options, presently Potters Snooker Club and Rainworth Methodist Church hall. A show of hands indicated a preference for starting at 7 p.m.

**Shlomo Downen** reported that present indications are that we appear to be winning the campaign. Previously, government policies had been in favour of incineration, but resistance and anti incinerator campaigns have changed their attitude, to the extent that more money is now being allocated for anaerobic digestion than for incineration.

The Liaison Group is well supported by more people representing other groups. Local people attending have demanded that P-A-IN should be given the opportunity to present their case. Following our recent presentation, the full 30 page handout which was prepared to accompany it has been published on the Veolia website.

Many people have begun to understand and appreciate our policies, including councillors!

There is 1 main reason for permission not being granted for the incinerator to be built on the former Rufford Colliery site and that is the collection of water on the site as a result of a collapsed mine shaft. When the application goes to a public enquiry, and if good local arguments are present, hopefully the decision makers will take this into consideration.

The presentation to councillors was a resounding success because of the amount of preparatory work that had been done. They did not appear to have realised the extent to which P.A.IN had been carrying out its research. Our presentation and arguments were superior to Veolia and the councillors were visibly impressed. Alan Roberts, leader of the council noted that Veolia could not answer the question of why they were not moving towards anaerobic digestion, when it was noted that this has become a preferred method of waste treatment.

### **Presentation of N.A.I.L.**

John Beresford and Kaye Brennan from Nottingham Against Incineration and Landfill gave a very interesting and informative presentation of the campaign that they have been fighting in Nottingham. They praised our organisation and efforts and encouraged us to maintain the pressure. A question and answer session followed.

### **Raffle and Refreshments**

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| Raffle       | £36    |
| Refreshments | £16.79 |

### **General**

Bernard Thompson offered a vote of thanks both to Shlomo for the outcome of his excellent presentations and also to John and Kaye for taking time to visit our meeting and share some of their experiences and information with us.

One member of P-A-IN has succeeded in getting letters published in both the Nottingham Evening Post and the CHAD.

The planning application by Veolia is imminent, probably mid November. It is now proposed that once the details are known, we prepare a petition against it. It is suggested that more weight will be added to the petition if individuals also forward their own personal objections.

A general question was raised as to whether anyone knows if Veolia have sponsored the annual firework display given by the Miners Welfare this year.

The meeting closed with no date being set for the next meeting, until a venue has been confirmed. This will be notified in due course.