

MINUTES 7th CJA meeting Dec 5-6 2009

only the important info, discussions and decisions

UPDATES

actions guide

available in 5 languages, now English, translations coming beginning next week. They look cool and have all the basic info you need!

legal group Retsshælpen Rusk

They have small bust cards with the basic info on them. Make sure you get one.

location: Baggesensgade 6, basement

info meetings 8th until 10th: 10:00 – 23:00 (?? not sure about this)

Later open 24 hours a day

phone number +45 28255320

info you give them stays confidential

There will be legal observers. If you see things (like police violence) happen, inform the legal group.

Deportation after arrest: they will help you with this as well. Not clear what the police will do on this case.

It can be good to have an address to tell the police when they ask, but you only need to have passport on you.

There will be an Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) group active as well. For solidarity with people that get imprisoned. ABC will also do more support at the border. They stay at the same place as the legal group. The police will probably work with a black-list of people they want to stop at the border.

logistics

Most info is in the action guides. Read this. There is a backup plan for extra sleeping places.

Probably there will be action guides at an info point in the station. Otherwise you can go first to the info point at 5 minutes from the station.

<infopoints.cop15@gmail.com> if you have info about action meetings and other things that should go to all info points and sleeping places. If you want to book a meeting place in Støberiet, email to <infopointstoberiet@gmail.com>.

All places are running on volunteers. So far 200. More help needed.

There will be many action kitchens. They will need help as well. Visit them and ask/tell them when you help.

finance

It looks good now. The budget from October is almost covered. Still good to raise more money. If there will be money left over, this will be used for future climate actions.

indymedia

IMC centre in Solidaritetshuset (Soli house). From the 7th on it will be opened 24 hours a day. You can go there to write and upload your news. For sure text and pictures. Probably as well a bit of video.

Use indymedia.dk for local things. The Climate indymedia is for all the events in the rest of the world. If you use the tags COP15 IMC when you post something on a IMC-site your news can be automatically gathered and published on one site.

Indymedia workshop in Soli (Solidaritetshuset) 8th of December 6-8 pm.

medics

There is one sign for all Danish medics: a black cross. But there will be international medics with a red cross and a raised fist. The medics will be in the streets, but you can find them as well on three locations: Støberiet, Christiania and Teglhømen.

Medics meeting: 10th at 2pm Christiania in the Green Room. Experienced people's meeting.

Please bring / ask people to bring *Maalox liquid antacid* (mint flavour if possible) from abroad!

This is used against tear-gas, but is not sold in Denmark.

Activist Trauma support team

Based in Christiania Green Room with the medics.

Probably a small team in Støberiet as well.

You can help, but only if you are somehow experienced with this.

Meeting: 10th at 7pm in the Green Room in Christiania.

Communication structures

Many ideas for websites, text messages, real meetings. working group about this today.

Updates from the actions:

dec 9: arrival **Trade to Climate Caravan** from the WTO protest in Geneva. We should organise a welcome in Christiania. Arrival time depends on border controls. Working group on this today.

dec 9: **demo at the American Embassy:** Out of Afghanistan. 4 pm.

dec 11: Don't buy the Lie

Meet at 11am on Kongens Nytorv.

Preparation meeting on Tuesday 8th at 18:00 in the Youth house on Dortheavej 61. Work day, same day same place at 15:00.

dec 12: **Big March.** There will be a **System change, not climate change** block. CJA has it's own messaging. It will be a flashy light block: bring your glitter, lights, etc. There will be sound systems.

meeting Monday 7th at 6pm in Støberiet.

There is another call out to not go to the Bella Centre, but to stay in the city for other actions and another message.

dec 12: Bike ride from Malmö to Copenhagen

dec 13: **Hit the Production.** Demo towards the harbour. From Trianglen at 12:00. Come with your affinity group. There will be several possible targets.

Working day on monday 7th in Ragnhildgade at 10:00.

dec 13: **Via Campesina Action** against Industrial meat production. Many people from the South. Need solidarity from the North. 12:00 Axelborg building.

dec 14: **No Borders:** demo towards ministry of defence. meeting point ?

dec 14: **Climate Debt** action in the Klimaforum organised by Climate Justice Now. From the South, but it would be good to have more activists from the Global North showing solidarity and joining.

dec 14: **Benefit party: Reclaim Power Party** in Christiania, in the big tent. Including discussion on the action of the 16th.

dec 15: **Agriculture Action Day.** Demo with actions along the route. 12:00 Islands Brygge. Preparation and working day: 8th 12:00 Folketshus, 10th 12:00 Folketshus.

dec 16: **Reclaim Power.** big block going to the Bella Centre. meet at 8 at a bridge. You can join the big group, but you can also go in your way with your own affinity group. Preparation meeting 7th 2pm Støberiet. There will be things happening from the inside as well. If you have an accreditation you can join this.

dec 18: **Demo.** Nothing planned yet.

dec 19: **Good bye and see you later party.** Talked about but it still has to be organised.

Bike Block

Collect bikes for a special block. Make all the bikers part of the action. Also for a block at the 16th Reclaim Power action. Can use help, welding machines and all kind of other tools. Every day preparations in Bolsjefabrikken (Candy Factory).

Samba Block

Rhythms of Resistance will be staying, practising and giving workshops at Ragnhildgade. They will join several actions. You can call them if you want a samba block in your action.

Action Aid

3 vans, sound systems and other materials for the actions. There is still some extra budget for materials.

Action trainings

Start on the 7th until the 10th 10:00 – 12:00. In Christiania in the Cinema at the ground floor in Fabriken.

Also on the 13th and 15th from 10:00 – 12:00, same place. In the afternoon as well, to be confirmed.

Content: welcome, general info about the plans and locations, info about first aid, legal, body protection, how to deal with fences and police, de-arrest and more,

Affinity groups can also train more specific things.

They are still looking for more trainers.

Media team

Dealing with mainstream media. There are key messages which the CJA meeting has decided on last time. Most press work happens for the Danish press. Even international press wants to talk do Danish people. So far mainly about why climate action is important. As well on the new legislation in Denmark.

There will be an office for people working with the mainstream media. Next to the Indymedia location. It will be set up Monday 7th and afterwards open most of the time. The media team will have meetings and trainings in their own room. Also for people speaking Spanish or Italian (more needed).

There will be a CJA press conference Tuesday the 8th at 13:00.

The Danish press group has decided to include a documentary group which they know and trust. To tell our story. Activists can communicate to them if you don't like their behaviour or when you have something to add to their documentary.

Spokespersons.

The original proposal from the previous CJA meeting was to have around 6 spokespersons and a second line of people around them. The proposal now is that the media team will be dealing with media contacting them and incoming requests. Simple questions they will answer themselves and for the more in depth interviews they are forwarding journalists to other people (experts that are not called expert). This proposal has been agreed on.

Concern: be careful that you don't repeat a too simple message over and over again.

There will be regular media feed-back meetings.

The working groups that will have a separate WG session this afternoon are:

Media

Reclaim power (to get to know each other)

Agro action day (to get to know each other)

Emergency communication structures

Process / daily meetings

Process and decision making structure discussion.

The discussion now is: There is the CJA, but there are other groups and networks as well. For example KlimaKollektiv. We work closely together with them and this is all cool. But what do we discuss as/in a CJA meeting and what do we want to discuss and decide in a wider meeting?

Now there is a proposal from KlimaKollektiv to have daily meetings from

18:00 - 19:00 one hour info sharing meeting. about the day

19:00 - 20:00 info meeting on the action of the next day

20:00 - 21:00 Reclaim power spokes council / parallel continuation of planning of the next day.

How this will look and will be organised can be discussed tomorrow (6th) between 10:00 and 13:00 in an open meeting with people from the groups that want to take part in organizing these daily meetings.

There will be KlimaKollektiv update meetings at 8:00 a.m. This is open, BUT only for the people that are really involved in the practical organising.

Do we need another (daily) CJA meeting?

Future CJA meetings

During the week we should focus on actions. Welcoming meetings can be joined with non-CJA meetings.

Goals of CJA meetings: building a larger and stronger network. This can be done at the end. It is important to have a meeting looking back and evaluating.

Proposal for a CJA initiated meeting on the 17th agreed on. If this is really necessary the date can be changed. (John, Chris, Mona, Joanna, Lisa, Bert, Neil, Moo, Jeroen).

But **as well a not too complicated meeting on the 11th.** To get to know more people from groups of the Global South. This will be organised (Peter, Tash, Nina, Anna, Victoria, Mona, Ann Catherin).

Maybe we have a real people's assembly during the Reclaim Power action. This could get a role in this as well. But this is too insecure to count on.

There were similar discussion within the CJN meeting. For them the 19th is probably better because they are still following the COP process until the 18th.

Next discussion: decision making structure, daily meetings. Do we support the proposal of Klimakollektiv? (after some clarifications and discussion) **Consensus: CJA agrees with the daily evening meeting proposal from the KlimaKollektiv.**

How do we (CJA) want to support those evening meetings?

This will be discussed in an open meeting tomorrow (Sunday 6th). Then will also be decided where those meetings are going to be. Are prepared to be in Ragnhildgade. (maybe a possibility in a place next to the KlimaForum.)

Meetings moved into the working groups. Tegholm needs a lot of volunteers now. Everybody who doesn't need to meet should go there.

SUNDAY December 6th

New intro round. Again cool new people arrived from several countries. Short update from yesterday.

Introduction point: In Copenhagen there have always been journalists in preparation meetings. It is good to ask if there are any and let them introduce themselves. Then it should be up to the meetings to accept them or not. No names in any articles. The same rules for academic writing (agreed on all those points).

Feed back from working groups

Media team

9:00 am 7th Working day and introduction to everyone.

Afterwards there will be a daily 9:30 am media team meeting for everybody interested in the mainstream media work. During the mornings there could be a feed back and accountability moment. Time for this to be confirmed.

There will be some more press conferences during the coming two weeks.

Emergency communication stuctures

So far only one person. Needs help!

Agro Action Day

Just to get to know each other and introduce new people.

Reclaim Power

Just to get to know each other and introduce new people.

General Daily Meetings

(Sorry from KlimaKollektiv because of being late, but they had emergency stuff to solve again and needed some time to talk to each other.) First general discussion about the daily joined meetings in the evenings and the decision making process.

KlimaKollektiv has been working on practical stuff on the ground in Copenhagen. But as well political as anticapitalist. Related to CJA points of view, but there are people part of it that had never anything to do with the CJA. For this reason KlimaKollektiv would like to have open daily

meetings without a CJA label. Possibility now to disagree with this proposal. No, seems to be consensus (again).

Process proposal: have a short period for comments and discussion now. Decide about the exact process and details later in a smaller group. (agreed on)

ideas: have two spokes persons for one affinity group. (male and female) Other option is that groups mandate a different person every evening. From the 10th.
Daily meetings will be held in at Ragnhildgade.
Some people have doubts about the spokes council model. Partly about the name, but also about how it functions.

A bit more discussion needed now before the working group continues. Concerns:

- * People are now used to this model.
- * People will not all be organised in groups.
- * Too many people to have a general assembly.
- * This update / emergency decision meeting will never be finished after one hour. How to prevent that the other planned meetings will not be delayed and frustrated?
- * There is a model for more people where groups are all in the meeting, feedback and discuss, but only a spokes person for each group speaks.
- * First hour with info sharing and second hour with action preparation can overlap. The planned action for next day should not need a full hour to give the updates, so this part can be used for ad-hoc (solidarity) actions.
- * Spokes council is excluding, a well facilitated big meeting the only real democratic method.
- * Separate info sharing and decision making. For the info sharing there is no need to have spokes council.
- * How ever the meetings work, call them General Assemblies. The spokes council process should first earn the trust from people that are not experienced with this model.
- * Progressive list taking: give priority to new people speaking. If there are different issues and different decision to take the group could also split up.
- * Make sure the many activists staying at Tegholm are included and that the opinion of group from there is taken serious.

Proposal: two sections: info sharing as general Assembly. Second session for decisions. And we still have to decide of the process for the second session.

Agreed on in consensus.

Concern: the criticism on the spokes council model should be taken serious. It is important that critical people join the working group!
Get back in a plenary afterwards.

announcements

* Tribunal

10th in Klimaforum Tribunal from the people of the Global South against the corporations that fuck up their lives.

* Finance

Actions all have their own budget and administration. Confirm costs before you spend some money
Nicola or Anna, find them in Støberiet. There is already a lot of paint.

* Bus from eastern Europe will arrive on the 7th. Good to give them a welcome too (as well as the WTO Caravan on the 9th).

- * Spread the left over posters in town!
- * Indigenous peoples speak out: open forum about Indigenous fighting climate change. 10th 16:00 blue room in the KlimaForum
- * Working space in Folketshus opens on the 7th. For making banner or other materials.
- * Bike block is preparing in the Bolsjefabriken (Candy Factory)
- * If you get register for the Klimaforum you get a card for free public transport.
- * Police can visitate (body search) people in the city to look for weapons. But if they do this they are not allowed to read your papers or open your computer. Tell them this.
- * Bring *Maalox liquid antacid* to Denmark! Works against tear gas, but it is not possible to buy it here any more. You are supposed to find it in pharmacies as a medicine against stomach problems.
- * Tomorrow 20:00 poster sticking at Solidaritethus

POST COP15

We talk about action plans and campaigns, not primarily about the next CJA meeting.

- * Bonn COP15.5 June 2010
- * Mexico COP16 June 2010
- * Global Day of Action

Do we want summit hopping or something else?

What do we do inside Europe with climate justice direct action groups.

All do actions against one company at the same time.

How show real solidarity? This is has to be discussed and developed.

Are we just looking at climate events and actions or can we as a movement also mobilise for other "justice" events? Not everybody here is normally working on climate.

Bring people from regions or countries together for the future. This can be a part of the meeting on the 17th: go into subgroups. Or groups of themes.

One of the main goals is to prevent this network and all the contacts we have to fall apart again. But we need a concrete project or action. Otherwise it will not continue.

We have to see if the network or name should stay CJA, or maybe something different.

In the coming weeks we have to find what will be the important moments in the coming year. A date that can bind us. And discuss and maybe decide on this on the 17th.

Do we want to be a Global Network or mainly a European network. We can ask people from the South for how we can help them in their struggle.

Technically we have to look at our communication systems. There is an email list which doesn't work (to much info).

A problem is that it is unclear what the CJA is. We need more politics and debates. Separate these discussions from talks about actions. What is Climate Justice? A unclear term that is already misused by companies.

The previous point should be a good reason to participate in the discussions at the Klimaforum, maybe not as a network, but at least at individuals.

There can be single issue actions and campaigns. Also in solidarity with whoever, but this should fit within a anti-capitalist framework.

Several networks working on themes should continue, but with a cooperation and joined discussion. Movement of Life, but this is the wrong name. Relate it to your neighbourhood, local situation and

direct solidarity. Make sure that local struggles and the people involved in it don't start to join political parties or mainstream unions.