



Clydebelt News

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Clydebelt is the organisation dedicated to protecting our Greenbelt heritage in the Kilpatrick Hills and is concerned with other "undeveloped" areas nearby
It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit-making

This Newsletter has been distributed to the last known address of a member. If they have moved on, but you are interested, you are very welcome to join us. Membership is for a once-only fee of £1 (or £2 for a household) which should last for years of printing and postage unless we need another big campaign.

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If you have email, please email assist@clydebelt.org.uk to confirm your address.

You are invited to the Clydebelt

Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm Tuesday 20th May 2001

in the Trinity Church, Roman Road, Duntocher

We will have more details of issues raised in this Newsletter, and any more that arise. The meeting is for all who are members, and you can join at the meeting. Come and make your feelings known.

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Proposal to wind up Clydebelt due to insufficient Committee effort
(Over 400 people joined Clydebelt's original campaign. Thirteen years later, Clydebelt has over 400 members' addresses listed, money in the bank and an active web-site. We have deterred developers and influenced planning policy. But Clydebelt is in danger of not getting sufficient committee members to keep functioning. If passed, we must decide which organisation should receive the funds.)
5. Amendments to Constitution *(items 5 and 6 will be omitted if 4 is passed)*
6. Election of Committee and Office Bearers
7. Discussion on Proposed Windfarm
(What action, if any, to take will depend on whether or not Clydebelt still has a full-enough committee to continue its campaigning)
8. Any other competent business

followed by:

the Duntocher Burn from the Clyde to its source

An illustrated talk by Sam Gibson

We have committee members willing and able to carry on, but we need to share these tasks more:

- secretarial (mostly writing letters)
- chair meetings
- take minutes of meetings
- contact planning depts for news
- update web pages
- monitor and comment on planning policies

And if a new threat to the environment arises:

- help with running the campaign
- write effective letters of objection
- create publicity, press releases
- produce posters and newsletters
- lobby councillors, MSPs and MPs
- distribute leaflets in local streets
- survey flora, fauna, geology or archaeology
- give evidence at any Public Inquiry

Clydebelt activities since November 2001 AGM

	issue	action	contacted	outcome
meetings	meetings of Committee meeting of Committee meeting of Committee members' meeting meeting of Committee and other members	11 meetings since Nov 2001 AGM Minutes Secretary resigned 12/3/02 Chair Person resigned on health grounds Apr 02 walk on Kilpatrick Hills, May 2002 Airtricity addressed 12/11/02 meeting		see below temporary replacement no replacement yet proposed walks to sites of issues decided to object and campaign
Campaign	Windfarm on Kilpatrick Hills Windfarm on Kilpatrick Hills Windfarm on Kilpatrick Hills Tesco Supermarket at Fairfley Knowes	web page with questionnaire form at www.clydebelt.org.uk/windfarm.html poster on wind farm letters etc on wind farm Support 'Save the Knowes' campaigners	councillors, CCs, libraries councillors, CCs	many supportive responses mixed responses await Environmental Impact Statement
Planning	check planning applications regularly Morrison Homes, Bowling Basin Dougalston Quarry Mingavie Reservoir housing in Craigton Wood Tesco Supermarket at Fairfley Knowes Houses at Burnbrae flats by Canal towpath at Miller Street selling green belt land around Auchentoshan N Lodge Flats next to Dalmaur Golf Course, Dunculutha	report likely issues to Committee object to bad Neighbour Development Application object to phase 3 comment on planning application object to planning application object to planning application comment on planning application object to sale under delegated powers will object to planning application	West Dumb Council WDC East Dumb Council EDC EDC EDC WDC WDC WDC WDC WDC	discussed objecting etc refused Inquiry, revised plan accepted refused await Environmental Impact Statement revising application rethink - contaminated ground land sold
Environment	public viewpoint on A82 lay-by overgrown unauthorised lopping of trees by Boulevard excessive light scatter from Golf Range dumping around Cochnohill Farm, Greenside Rd, etc protection of Duntocher Mill ruin boundary to Oceanfield development, Burnbrae path Carleith Gas Station - dumping, shrubs cleared, ponds filled	complain/suggest about environment complain/suggest about environment complain/suggest about environment complain/suggest about environment complain/suggest about environment complain/suggest about environment will complain/suggest about environment	WDC Councillor, MSP Glasgow City Council GCC SEPA WDC WDC WDC	none yet
Consultations	Clydebelt Local Plan, with removal of green belt liaise with other organisations, attend their meetings Consultation on 'Getting Involved in Planning' liaise with other organisations, attend their meetings liaise with other organisations, attend their meetings liaise with other organisations, attend their meetings liaise with other organisations, attend their meetings	objections & representations Jan 2003 seminar, changes to Clydebank Local Plan comments and suggestions 15 Apr 2002 Nov 2002 Planning Meeting Apr 2003 Clydebank Rebuilt workshops lunchtime talks on Knowes & Clydebelt	WDC WDC Scottish Executive Firth of Clyde Forum WDC Clydebelt Rotary Club	WDC finally agreed with our objections, and will keep Dalmaur Park, Golf Course and Auchentoshan Estate in greenbelt in the proposed local plan some suggestions accepted
Information	maintain web site at http://www.clydebelt.org.uk notify about meetings - letter, street circulation, email, web	update information, receive comments & enquiries web site, newspapers, posters	local & international	enquiries to assist@clydebelt.org.uk
Organisation	keep funds maintain membership records	collected addresses of 515 members; then deleted	£5 as not valid - probably many more; inform 35 by email.	healthy, few expenses