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August's Climate Camp and the action against Drax coal power station got more media and police attention than the average massive anti-war demo. Yet contrary to the official story, 3,000 odd coppers failed to stop people entering Drax and operations were disrupted by people locking onto equipment. Meanwhile at the South gate we had to entertain 3 news crews while the family march got delayed hours by police searches and blockades. It felt like we were winning the propaganda war and scaring a system which still believes in fossil fuels. And all this with just 600 men, women and children.

The Liverpool section brought marquees to the 9 day camp and a wind turbine providing almost all electric needs. It was a patchy, working example of sustainable living that left little impact on the squatted land. We dealt with our own waste by producing compost, organised in communal kitchens and enjoyed intimate battery powered discos.

During the week people shared knowledge on energy, ecology, green homes etc and



discussed how quickly the climate might change, how we might adapt and the political / economic consequences of oil depletion. We learnt how oil companies are starting to extract more costly and polluting forms of oil while making token investments in renewables. Future campaigns were started on and by the end of the week the mood was pretty positive.

Climate Camp #2

On the 25th September security was breached at Nottingham East Midlands Airport and a second camp for climate action was established on the taxi way. 25 activists chained themselves across the tarmac while the Rev Malcolm Carroll, from group Plane Stupid, led a remembrance service for the victims of climate change. Two tents were put up and

they all stayed long enough to hold up planes. The Rev was hardline; 'As the bishop of London rightly put it, the science of climate change means flying is a sin...the camp at Drax was just a start. This direct action movement is going to be bigger than anything this country has seen before.'

The 6/11 day of action against shorthaul flights may be the next big push. We have to spread the word of why flying is so bad and challenge plans for airport expansions. People also need to have faith they can make a difference, that direct action works if enough people do it and that even the little things you do matter. The best slogan at the Climate Camp was 'decentralise power!'. It means things like building small, local plants that use renewable fuel to generate both electricity and heat. It also means that the people in power now aren't going to solve this problem for us. *Dave, LSF*



They don't want our rubbish

Two people blockaded the gate of Hafod Quarry, Johnstown, Wrexham where landfill waste from Merseyside is being dumped. The site includes a special area of conservation and is only 150 yards from local houses. The mini protest had a dramatic effect and prompted aggressive policing and an unsuccessful attempt to arrest one of them for taking pictures. Liverpool and surrounding councils are doing badly on recycling, with Knowsley still having no kerbside collections.

Respect to the World Shop

Liverpool World Shop, Bold St has been the main place for fairtradestuff in Liverpool for years. They moved to a smaller shop lately and struggled by as an independent operation with volunteer help. They've now made way for (or turned into) a branch of Shared Earth which will stock the same non-exploitative handicrafts and clothes etc but not the coffees and food.

Sheila, World Shopboss promised us the good work will continue. She's been involved in fairtrade promotion across the city and pointed out many successes. You can get a lot of the food and drink in supermarkets now (if you're into supermarkets) and the price is coming down. Find out more at Shared Earth shop.

PIPELINE THREAT SPREADS TO WALES

Edited from a story on www.indymedia.org.uk/en/regions/liverpool

People affected by the massive gas pipeline worming its way across west Wales have vowed to take direct action to halt construction, at least until safety fears are addressed. The project includes two massive new LNG terminals at Milford Haven and a pipe line running through the Brecon Beacons National Park. This will cut a motorway size swathe through a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The government claims this is essential to meet future gas shortfalls, but opponents say the technology is unsafe and that it will increase our dependence on imported fossil fuels. Many are also concerned that

safety corners are being cut to maximise profits. The National Grid admits it has no experience running this type of high pressure pipeline (it runs at 94 bar). In the Swansea valley the pipe crosses geologically unstable ground and close to residential areas. Locals have held up work for the last two months and support for their fight is rapidly growing.

A similar Shell project in Western Ireland is still struggling to get off the ground. Opponents stopped construction work again in September and the 'Rosspoint Five' still fight to keep their land.

Further info: www.safehavenforum.co.uk