



Newsletter

July/August 2016
Not One Well

Welcome to our new style newsletter which will be published every 2 months initially.

Retrospective

Over the past year FFIOW has gone from strength to strength. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed ideas, time, support and encouragement at meetings, on line and at events. We have raised sufficient funds through voluntary contributions to create and update printed leaflets and flyers and have started with produce ideas to spread the words and add to the funds.



10 public presentations over the last 9 months have helped raise awareness and the content is updated regularly to keep up with developments. No matter the size of the audience there is always a feeling of genuine interest and engagement with lively discussion and questioning. In our opinion all discussion is engagement and therefore positive and achieves our aim to encourage the community to have an informed opinion. Other media events over the year have helped to reach residents, either through press, video or radio.

Group Updates

A lot has been happening behind the scenes in the group during the summer and although things seem to have been quiet, we have been busy.

New Constitution.

The core group have prepared and finalised our group constitution which will be ratified and then presented to members in due course.

Membership

We will be contacting everyone on our mailing list soon about becoming a formal member of FFIOW. Knowing the size of our membership will allow us to organise our activities and carry out future plans, with increased clarity.

As members you will be able to participate and contribute more effectively to key meetings, activities and events including the AGM.

Active members will be entitled to become part of the central team in order to use your ideas, energies and expertise to support our aims to peacefully and democratically oppose drilling taking place on the island.

Leafleting

From June to August we have continued to focus on spreading up to date information. We have leafleted door to door in key areas around the possible licence zones and will continue to do so at the year progresses.

Shows, Events and Fairs



We put up a stand, handed out leaflets and engaged with the public at various events. Lots of interest ensued with sign ups and purchases

The IOW County Show
Ventnor Day
Rainbow Festival
Vegan Festival
Chale Show
The Healing Festival

Individual members are also doing their part, giving leaflets to the public and businesses within their local communities, ensuring that locals are up to date with what is happening and aware of what we are trying to achieve.



Wake the Wight,

<http://waking-the-dragon.co.uk/>

an island interfaith group, has focused on public awareness events, walking routes of our main geological fault lines and particularly the Dragon Line, to emphasise the importance of our landscape.

'Wake the Wight members share a commonality of purpose to be caretakers and protectors of our sacred island, building awareness in ceremony along the Dragon line (our major fault line) in support of FFIOW using only peaceful means to bring about an end to fossil fuel exploitation both here and on the mainland.'

Latest News

• Industry

Angus Energy's share of the IOW Arreton site licence has been transferred to **DJ Doriemus PLC**. We are still awaiting news of the actual operator who will apply for planning permission.

• Government

Post Brexit The DECC has now been disbanded and a new department **BEIS (Business Energy & Industrial Strategy)** led by Greg Clark has been created. **EU environmental policies** for environment protection related to fossil fuel extraction, will now need to be formulated into UK policy directives.

Andrea Leadsom has become Secretary of State at **DEFRA**.

The Oil and Gas Authority is to become a government company and established as an independent regulator from October 2016

It will have new powers including:

- access to operators meetings;
- data acquisition and retention;
- dispute resolution;
- and sanctions regulatory powers in respect of oil & gas

The OGA will therefore make decisions about disputed planning permissions.

Theresa May has launched through HM Treasury, **The Shale Wealth Fund**, consultation document outlining government compensation recommendations for communities affected by **Shale Gas Developments**. Here is the link to the document <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/shale-wealth-fund>

Drill or Drop outlines basic points of the document as:

Initially consists of up to 10% of the revenue from tax on shale gas company profit.

It **could** provide up to £1 billion over 25 years.

The money would be shared between local communities and wider shale gas regions.

The first payments would go to local communities.

There would be a £10 million maximum pay-out to each community or region associated with an individual shale site over its lifetime, estimated at 25 years.

The fund would be new money and "would not be used to replace existing government funding".

It would be additional to the pilot shale industry community benefit scheme (£100,000 for each exploration site and 1% of production revenues).

[We are considering how and what to respond to the document.](#)

Consultation closes in October 2016 and you can respond individually online at 'Survey Monkey'
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D5ZQKB

PLEASE NOTE

This will not necessarily affect communities on the IOW since currently the industry is claiming that only conventional methods of OIL extraction will be undertaken.

Payouts are not guaranteed!

IF the industry was highly profitable and paid a lot of tax (which is no way guaranteed, since many companies run at a 'loss' and their taxes have been cut to the bone by the last budgets) payments would only be made if full scale production takes place, and any 'gain' would likely be dwarfed by falls in property prices, costs of living and increased insurance premiums.

This document seeks to tempt people with talk of wealth, without any current shred of evidence that fracking in the UK would even be financially viable.

Further reading of interest at the links on page 3

Links of Interest

Ministers' Shale Gas Hype attacked. BBC



Fracking may not be as viable as proponents claim.



Fracking dividing communities



National News

Following the controversial decision to permit fracking at Kirby Misperton - Campaigners have been granted a hearing for judicial review.

Fracking Legal Case Granted



Coming soon...Decision on Cuadrilla's appeal in Lancashire



We are achieving a lot, but there is always more we can do, the more people that get involved, whether regularly or occasionally, the more we can achieve.

So join us and spread the word!

Contact Us

And Finally



The Isle of Wight licences are due to be formalised any time now, and planning permission negotiations will follow.

It is time to let the companies involved with our licences know we will be taking direct action to oppose them.

We have been collecting signatures on a paper version of this pledge for many months now, this is an online version for those who haven't seen us and signed in person.

Please Click this image below to sign our pledge if you haven't already done so on paper.

