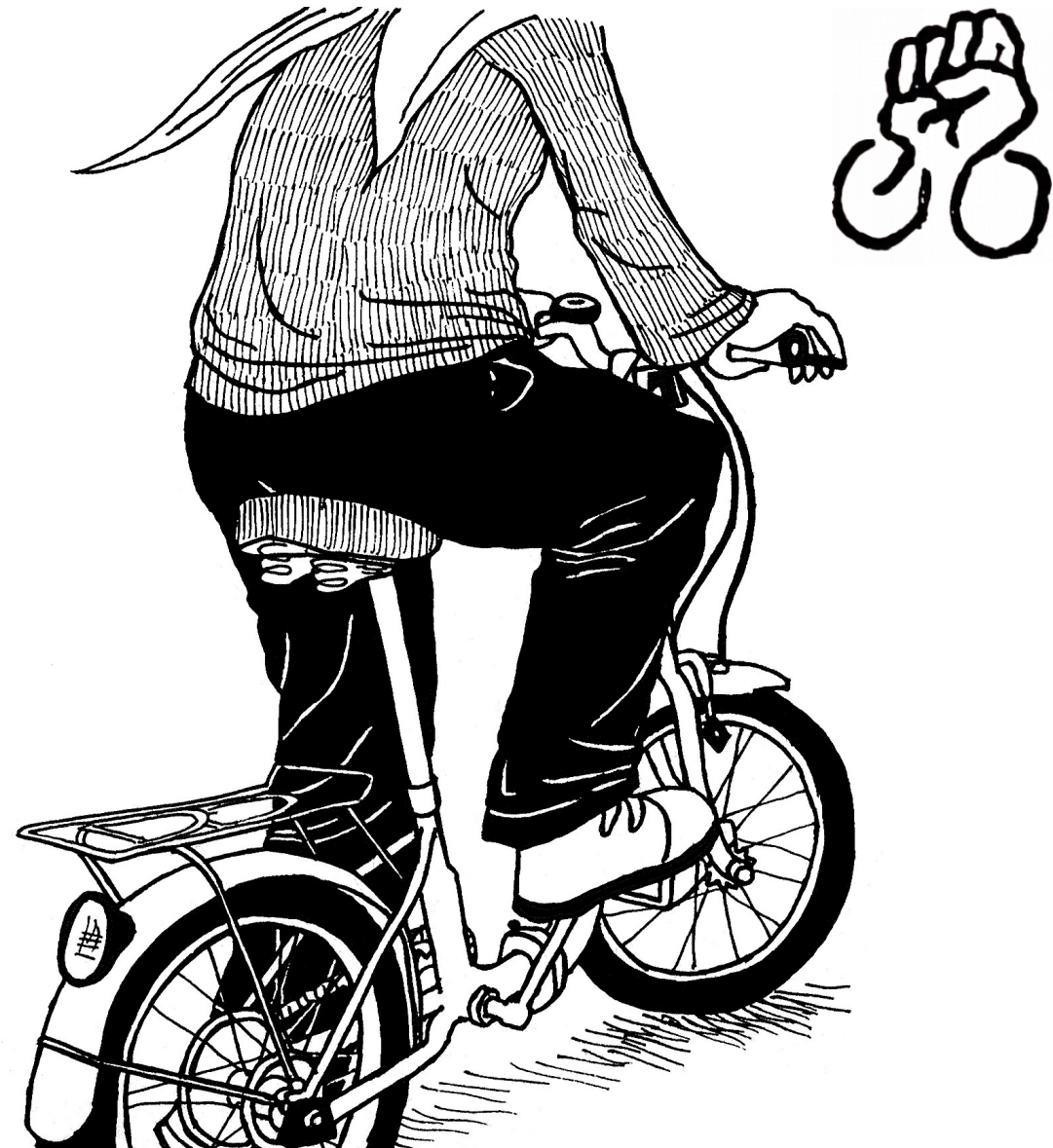


# ECOTOPIA BIKE TOUR

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

2010



# Welcome to the 20th Biketour!!!



At the first Ecotopia gathering in Cologne (1989) young people from all over Europe sat down to turn the dream of a Biketour through Europe into reality. This way of transportation was chosen because it is less ecological damaging than the bus tours EYFA offered in 1989. The aim stayed the same: young people from Eastern and Western Europe should have the opportunity for information and enjoyment in an international group; and the general public should be made conscious of environmental problems and issues in their local community and these issues should be connected to a wider (European) perspective.

The first tour started in May 1990 in Norway. Two and a half month later and 4000 km further the group arrived in Ecotopia in Hungary. The political aim of the tour had been a campaign for an environmental responsible traffic policy, less consuming and against destructive ways of tourism. More then 500 environmentalists from 15 countries took part in the tour, which worked out without mayor problems or incidents. Both organizers and participants were content and enthusiast. And EYFA got the 1st prize of the "European Environmental Award" of Germany for the best youth initiative in 1990. After this the Biketours became shorter in distance then this first one, but the aim stayed more or less the same.

If you are holding this guide book in your hands, you made the wise decision to join the 20<sup>th</sup> Ecotopia Biketour. It's hard to imagine: The Biketour-project is already working for twenty years! Year after year it was possible to find new co-ordinators and enough participants, pass on the knowledge of how to organise this chaotic eco circus and to build up a structure which is not depending on any big organisation! A real do-it-yourself trip, with the aim to cover everyones needs by making consensus decisions and filling the frame prepared by some maniacs. It was working for already twenty years so why should it suddenly stop? No need to worry, the Biketour caravanne will appear and disappear again somewhere, just to show up during the next summer.

We wish you all the best for this tour, tailwind and sunshine, friendship and community, hilly and exhausting rides which make the dinner twice as delicious, games and camp fires and a lot of unexpected encounters!

And now the serious part:

Besides our inoffical name „The Biketour“ we are still calling ourself The Ecotopia Biketour. Nethertheless we're not cycling to the Ecotopia Camp this



## Conversation/ Gesprek

Hello, my name is....- Hallo, mijn naam is...  
What's your name (, please)? - Wat is jouw naam (alstublieft) ?  
I'm from....- Ik kom uit... -or- Ik ben van...  
Where do you come from?- Van waar ben jij?  
See you later!- Tot later! -or- Tot ziens!  
Leave me alone!- Laat me met rust!



## Shops and other places/ Winkels en andere plaatsen

bakery- bakker  
vegetable shop- groentenwinkel  
supermarket- supermarkt  
bio shop- biowinkel  
bikerepair shop- fietsenmaker  
farm- boerderij  
squat- kraakpand  
hospital- ziekenhuis  
pharmacist- apotheek  
police station- Just don't go there :)



## Numbers/ Getallen

one- een	eleven- elf
two- twee	twelve- twaalf
three- drie	thirteen- dertien
four- vier	fourteen- veertien
five- vijf	fifteen- vijftien
six- zes	...
seven-zeven	
eight- acht	
nine- negen	
ten- tien	

From fifteen on just add 'tien' behind it until twenty...

day- dag

monday- maandag  
tuesday- dinsdag  
wednesday- woensdag  
thursday- donderdag  
friday- vrijdag  
saturday- zaterdag  
sunday- zondag

## On the road/ Onderweg

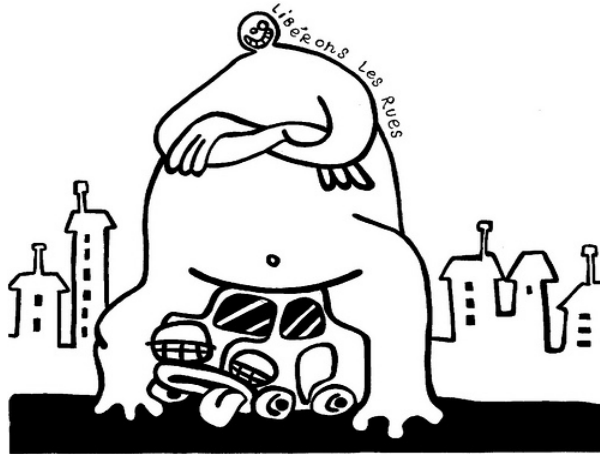
Let's go! - We zijn weg!  
I got lost... - Ik ben de weg kwijt...  
How do I get to....? - Hoe ga ik naar...?  
Where is...? - Waar is...?  
Can you write that down? - Kan u dat opschrijven?  
Where is the nearest...? - Waar is de dichtsbijzijnde...?  
Can you help me? - Kan je me helpen?

## Bikes/ Fietsen

bike- fiets  
My bike has broken down...- Mijn fiets is kapot...  
bikerepairshop- fietsenmaker  
wheel- wiel  
light- licht  
brakes- remmen  
inner tube- binnenband  
tire- buitenband  
gears- versnellingen

## Numbers:

One - Un  
Two - Deux  
Three - Trois  
Four - Quatre  
Five - Cinq  
Six - Six  
Seven- Sept  
Eight - Huit  
Nine - Neuf  
Ten – Dix



## Shopping and Food:

How much is it? – Combien ça coûte?  
Food Store / Supermarket / Market – Epicerie / Supermarché / Marché  
Shop - Magasin  
Organic – Bio  
Pharmacy / Bakery – Pharmacie/ Boulangerie  
(Some) water –(De l') eau

## Emergency

Hospital – Hopital  
I'm hurt – Je suis blessé  
Help – Au secours  
Police – Police

## Koalas' basic dutch vocabulary

### To politely ask a question.../ iets vriendelijk vragen

Excuse me but... - Excuseert u me maar...

The magic word...  
Please? -Alstublieft?

'Alstublieft' is used at the end of a sentence in a question. It is also used when giving 'something' to somebody. For example: A says 'Alstublieft' to B while giving B a present.

year. After a long, very intense, sometimes angry and exhausting discussion on the Biketour-Organisation list, including one veto and some personal insults, we decided not to link the Biketour with the Ecotopia Camp this year. After the prototype ride of last year we found out that Biketour can work pretty well without a fixed destination and that it is maybe time for the Ecotopia Biketour to emancipate from the Camp. When we were digging ourselves through the plenty of camps happening this summer we didn't find a lot of good reasons for cycling to one specific camp, just because we are sharing the name Ecotopia. We had the feeling that some of the camps were fitting better to our topic and aims, which means of course not that Ecotopia is not longer a option for the next tour. We are happy to follow up on this discussion during the Biketour.

Ecotopia Biketour 2010 will address the need for Climate Justice, while passing through some of the wealthiest countries in Europe: the UK, northern France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. In these countries mass production and consumption reaches its climax and resources are wasted on a massive scale. Companies and governments who are accelerating climate change are not taking responsibility for the environmental or social impacts their continued actions have. Likewise, the consequences of climate change are not equally shared. While the rich industrialized countries from the global North are accountable for the major percentage of carbon emissions, the countries from the southern hemisphere are the ones who have to suffer most from it's consequences. They will be hit first and hardest by floods, drying-out of inland waters, crop failures and the resulting dearths. While western industrial Nations can afford to take measures to face natural disasters and the flooding of coastal regions, the only option for the population of many countries of the global South will be to leave their homes. The question is: whereto. While the North is not showing any willingness to pay it's climate debt, it is spending vast amounts on the military complex on the borders of (for instance) Europe, to keep refugees away from wealth oases.

The Ecotopia Biketour wants to attract attention to these developments and support actions, which promote alternatives. In the UK part we will work together with groups who have worked a lot on recent high profile campaigns that connect with our theme of Climate Justice, especially against Coal, Carbon Trading, and the Royal Bank of Scotland. The RBS is financing an enormous amount of oil and gas companies and supporting other destructive projects, which we want to make visible to a wider public.



## Climate justice

Communities in the Global South as well as low-income communities in the industrialised North have borne the toxic burden of this fossil fuel extraction, transportation and production. Now these communities are facing the worst impacts of climate change – from food shortages to the inundation of whole island nation.

Inside the global climate negotiations, rich industrialised countries have put unjustifiable pressure on Southern governments to commit to emissions reductions. At the same time, they have refused to live up to their own legal and moral obligations to radically cut emissions and support developing countries' efforts to reduce emissions and adapt to climate impacts.

Climate Justice Now! will work to expose the false solutions to the climate crisis promoted by these governments, alongside financial institutions and multinational corporations – such as trade liberalisation, privatisation, forest carbon markets, agrofuels and carbon offsetting. We will take our struggle forward not just in climate talks, but on the ground and in the streets, to promote genuine solutions that include:

Leaving fossil fuels in the ground and investing instead in appropriate energy-efficiency and safe, clean and community-led renewable energy  
Radically reducing wasteful consumption, first and foremost in the North, but also by Southern elites.

Huge financial transfers from North to South, based on the repayment of climate debts and subject to democratic control. The costs of adaptation and mitigation should be paid for by redirecting military budgets, innovative taxes and debt cancellation.

Rights-based resource conservation that enforces Indigenous land rights and promotes peoples' sovereignty over energy, forests, land and water.



Sustainable family farming and fishing  
and peoples' food sovereignty. We are committed to building a diverse movement locally and globally for a better world.

The Ecotopia Biketour will try its best to live these principles, and we hope to inspire others to make lifestyle and systemic changes.  
Climate Justice Now!

## Hélènes French survival kit

### Basic communication:

Hello – Bonjour  
Do you speak english? - Parlez-vous anglais?  
I don't understand – Je ne comprends pas  
I don't speak French – Je ne parle pas français  
yes/no – oui/non  
Who? - Qui?  
What? - Quoi?  
When? - Quand?  
Where? - Où?  
Why? - Pourquoi?  
How? - Comment  
Mister/Mrs – Monsieur/Madame  
Man/Woman - Homme/Femme  
Excuse me – Excusez-moi  
Please – S'il vous plaît  
Thank you/ You're welcome – Merci/De rien  
Goodbye – Au Revoir  
Do you have...? – Avez-vous...?  
Is there...? Y a-t-il...?  
Can I have...? – Puis-je avoir...?  
I'm looking for... – Je cherche  
I would like – Je voudrais  
A place to sleep – Un endroit pour dormir  
Phone – Téléphone  
Toilets - Toilettes

### Location:

Road - Route  
Train / Bus / Station – Train / Bus / Gare  
Map - Carte  
Near / Far – Loin / Près  
Ticket - Billet  
Here / There – ici / Là  
On the right / On the left / Straight ahead – A droite / A gauche / Tout droit  
Where are we? – Où est-on?  
Where is...? - Où est...?  
I'm lost - Je suis perdu





## Some recepies for the campfire

### Delcious, slimy pumpkin soup

you need (4 Persons, please calculate):

1 onion  
750 g pumpkin  
750 g potatos  
250 g carrots  
2 cloves of garlic  
a piece of ginger  
200 ml of vegetable stock  
½ teaspoon Curry  
½ teaspoon Kurkuma  
Salt and Pepper  
½ teaspoon Garam Masala



Fry the onions, add quaters of potatos, carrots and pumpkin and the vegetable stock. Boil it for 10 min., then add ginger and the spices. Another 10 min. later you can take it off the fire (if the vegetables are soft), try to purree it with what you can find. Additional sauce: mix two soup spoons of Tahin with five soup spoons of soy milk and strew some sunflowerseeds on top.

### Roasted New Potatoes

2 lbs small new potatoes (washed)  
Olive Oil  
2 tablespoons dried rosemary (you can also used thyme and oregano)  
2 tablespoons garlic powder  
2 tablespoons paprika  
1 teaspoon black pepper, salt

In plenty of salted water, parboil the potatoes until the tip of a knife can be inserted easily (roughly 10 minutes depending on size). Drain, then toss the potatoes in enough oil to just coat them, then toss with the rosemary, garlic powder, paprika and about 1 1/2 teaspoons salt as well as the pepper. On a campfire grill, grill over direct heat, turning often, until browned and grill marked, 10 - 15 minutes.



## System change – not climate change

### A People's Declaration from Klimaforum09

#### Summary

There are solutions to the climate crisis. What people and the planet need is a just and sustain- able transition of our societies to a form that will ensure the rights of life and dignity of all peoples and deliver a more fertile planet and more fulfilling lives to future generations.

We, participating peoples, communities, and all or- ganizations at the Klimaforum09 in Copenhagen, call upon every person, organization, government, and institution, including the United Nations (UN), to contribute to this necessary transition. It will be a challenging task. The crisis of today has economic, social, environmental, geopolitical, and ideological aspects interacting with and reinforc- ing each other as well as the climate crisis. For this reason, we call for urgent climate action: A complete abandonment of fossil fuels within the next 30 years, which must include specific milestones for every 5-year period. We demand an immediate cut in GHG of indus- trialized countries of at least 40% compared to 1990 levels by 2020.

Recognition, payment and compensation of climate debt for the overconsumption of atmospheric space and adverse effects of climate change on all affected groups and people.

A rejection of purely market-oriented and technology-centred false and dangerous solu- tions such as nuclear energy, agro-fuels, carbon capture and storage, Clean Development Mech- anisms, biochar, genetically "climate-readied" crops, geo-engineering, and reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD), which deepens social and environmen- tal conflicts.

Real solutions to climate crisis based on safe, clean, renewable, and sustainable use of natural resources, as well as transitions to food, energy, land, and water sovereignty.



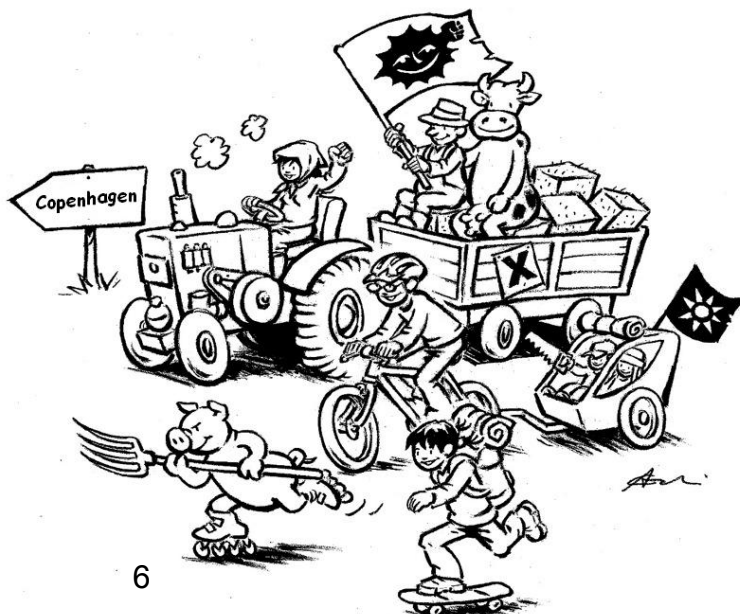


Therefore, we demand that COP15 reach an agree- ment that will initiate the restoration of the envi- ronmental, social, and economic balance of planet Earth by means that are environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable and equitable, and finally come up with a legally binding treaty. The adverse impacts of human-induced climate change cause gross violations of human rights. All nations have an obligation to cooperate interna- tionally to ensure respect for human rights every- where in the world in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. Any specific agreement on climate change must be seen in the broader context of achieving a sustainable transition of our societies.

We, participating peoples and organisations at Klimaforum09, commit to continue our full and active engagement in promoting such a transition, which will require a fundamental change in social, political, and economic structures and a rectifi- cation of gender, class, race, generational, and ethnic inequalities and injustices.

This requires a restoration of the democratic sovereignty of our local communities and of their role as a basic social, political, and economic unit. Local and democratic ownership of, control over, and access to natural resources will be the basis for meaningful and sustainable development of communities and simultaneously for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. There is also a need for stronger regional and international coopera- tive arrangements to manage common and shared resources, as well as for a stronger and democratic UN.

We call upon every concerned person, social movement, and cultural, political or economic organisation to join us in building a strong global movement of movements, which can bring for- ward peoples' visions and demands at every level of society. Together, we can make global transitions to sustainable future.



## Some recepies for the campfire

First of all: Marks' list of season vegetables in the UK in July:

Apricots | Artichokes | Beetroot | Blackberries | Blueberries | Broad Beans | Broccoli | Cabbage | Carrots | Cherries | Courgettes | Cucumber | Fennel | French/Green Beans | Gooseberries | Greengages | Kohlrabi | Lettuce | Loganberries | Mangetout | Mushrooms | Onions - main crop | Peas | Plums | Potatoes - Main Crop | Radish | Raspberries | Redcurrants | Rocket | Spinach | Spring Onions | Strawberries | Tomatoes | Watercress | Wild Mushrooms

### Pippa's vegan curry type stuff:

you need:

loads of onions

loads of garlic

loads of spinach or other green leafy vegetable, cut as small as you can be bothered to make it

loads of potatoes, diced

loads of rice or something to serve the curry with

loads of tomatoes, cut up quite small

salt

chilli pepper

ginger (plenty)

coriander and cumin (maybe not so easy to get in eastern european villages, but in bigger places it shouldn't be so hard) (you need Indian cumin not european cumin)

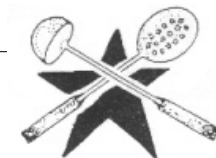
other curry type spices you can find such as garam masala, cardamom, mustard seeds

- boil the potatoes

separately otherwise they will never cook.

- cook the rice if you are going to have some

- fry the onions and garlic then when they are done, add the spices and stir it around so that the spices are also a bit fried (but be careful not to obliterate them completely). add the tomatoes, spinach and cooked potatoes and cook together for a few minutes until the tomatoes have turned into a sauce and the spinach is cooked. et voila!





## Wakeup call

I heard people saying: "ah, that is a nice task for me, that is easy!" A wake up call is a task that seems very easy. Like every task, you could choose to get it over with fast as possible. In that case you would start to scream "WAKE UP!!" at the appointed time for the wake up call and everybody will "hate" you, or at least your lack of creativity..

*"Talking about creativity, I know people who are still loved today because of their wake up calls. There is a lot of power you take into your hands by volunteering for the wake up call and I hope everybody will keep this in mind! You take the power of waking people up with a good or a bad mood! I am sure you can think about a thousand irritating ways to wake up. The challenge here lays in your ability to create a magically loving atmosphere in which people feel like they want to wake up."*

## Money manager

A very important point is, unfortunately, the costs! As biketour's aim is not to gain money, we do everything to keep them as low as possible. Our expenses are mainly for food (bought and cooked daily by ourselves), for hosting for sleeping places (sometimes that will be for free) and for other logistics. Sometimes we might spend some money on actions etc. If it is possible we would like to try to save some money to give people who need it reimbursement for visa, or other things which the biketour think are important. The money is managed by the Money manager. This is a task which is done by someone for a longer period, preferably more than a week. The MM is responsible for the finances of the biketour. That means; making sure that enough people pay their participation fee – € 5 per day (equiv in local money) – and making sure that the people who go shopping know what they can spend. Preferably not all money is spend each day as sometimes we have to pay to sleep somewhere, or we might want to spend money on other things. We also want to save a bit to finance the next biketour (we received this year around € 700 from last years biketour). The money manager is also responsible for welcoming new people explaining the participants fee. We have a little bit of funding from groups and organisations which support the biketour. In morning circles we have to discuss how to spend it. Priorities are of course actions and visa.

## Blogging

The biketour has a website on which we want to publish as much as possible a little daily report – and a bit more when we make an action. Although we won't meet Internet every day, we do have a small computer with us on which you can prepare a blogpost. Once we arrive in a town where we can connect to the outside world we can publish our diary, along with some photos which the blogger has prepared. Next to Blogging, the blogger can also be responsible for regularly updating our Twitter by SMS, to ease the minds of our folks at home.

## Participation guidelines

Each year Ecotopia Biketour aims to create an ecomobile community connecting people from all over the world into clumsy, joyful, slow, funny, unpredictable, sunny, caring group of people.

Because we all have different visions of life and diverse personalities, Biketour developed a set of basic values, which helps all of us to create a bit more similar expectations from this project. Proposing different ideas and sharing diverse insights is always appreciated, but please keep in mind these basic values of the Biketour. If you deeply disagree with one or some of the following points, you should reconsider your decision to join us.

On Biketour we will not tolerate sexism, racism, fascism, homophobia, xenophobia, anti-semitic and any other discriminatory practices. If you uphold any kind of these practices, please do not join this tour.

Biketour is a project which promotes sustainable way of life by cycling, doing press work, participating in/organizing actions. We participate in the actions organized by local groups and also plan and implement various actions ourselves.

We choose to support local farmers/small shops because industrial farming and supermarket chains produce many social and environmental problems. Please buy food in small shops or directly from local farmers! Small is beautiful.

We try to reduce, reuse and recycle. Please reduce your waste as much as possible – do not take many plastic while shopping, try to buy food without wrapping, try not buy canned food. Keep in mind while shopping that we want to leave as little as possible for future archaeologists ;).

Biketour is a non-hierarchical community, where everyone is responsible for the making the tour a success. Decisions are made and problems are discussed in the morning/evening circle by practising consensus. Many people who come to Biketour are not experienced with working this way, so please bear in mind that it works best if people concentrate on the discussion and make constructive proposals for concrete problems. We try to keep a balance between working effectively as a group and respecting everyone's personal preferences and freedom.



Biketour aims to provide opportunities for non-formal education. Here as well, everyone is encouraged to take an active role into making this aspect of the Biketour a success. If you think that you could give workshops on specific topic

or skills sharing, you are more than welcome to do so. Try to be open and learn from everyone you meet.

All food in Biketour is vegetarian, but we will try to provide vegan and other diet options. Meat eaters are welcome, but there will be no meat option during any common Biketour meal.

Although Biketour participants may not always agree with certain social norms in countries which we pass through, participants are asked to conduct themselves in a way which will not bring negative consequences for the local organizers.

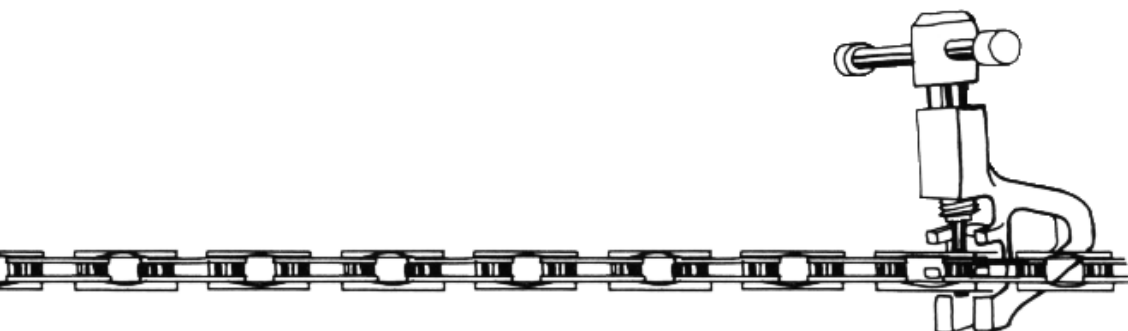
Come and enjoy! Cycle, discover, create, laugh, discuss, play, share and cuddle! We are all going to create this joyful summer experience together.

### Emergency numbers (medical):

**France, Belgium, Netherlands  
and Germany: 112  
UK: 999**

### Currency rates:

**1 € = 0.8344 £  
1 £ = 1.1984 €**



## Sign maker



- The Sign maker mainly leaves in the front, follows this route and makes signs – mainly through cities and on crucial points.
  - Basically, you don't make a sign if you go straight, if you follow the main road or if there is a bike trail sign that you are following.
  - You make a sign when you make a turn, when you change the surface of a road, or in case of any difficulties.
  - The sign maker can also indicate special points of interest like "best Ice Cream in town" is a much appreciated sign.
  - The sign maker can use creativity to make a sign.
  - Sign makers use bricks to draw arrows on the road but sometimes you don't have a brick or you are on a sand road. Use your imagination then.
  - I saw beautiful arrows made from branches, leaves, grass, stones and even Cardboard attached to streetlights.
  - But consider that the point of making signs is that they are seen by other participants.
  - It's tricky to rely on signs and not being able to find any because either the cars or the rain wipe them out...
  - When close to the accommodation, you might want to draw more arrows and some arrows under streetlights so that people who have to cycle in the dark have a bigger chance of seeing them. Sometimes the sign maker indicates more routes to the accommodation.

## Trailers

- If you think the trailer will be too heavy, you can try to ask the other trailer carriers to help you by taking some of your trailer stuff on theirs
  - Usually the trailer fits in any bike, but you can check what your special one needs for carrying this very important BT tool! If you chose to take the trailer you have to leave early with the food group.
  - You have the responsibility to carry the pots and you'll have to carry some food in them after you went shopping with the food crew.
  - After you arrive at the camp, you will stall the trailer close to the fireplace and give the trailer attachment to the next breakfast crew so that they can use it tomorrow morning.
  - When you are going to take the trailer next day
    - You should talk with the breakfast cleanup crew to make sure that they will have the pots and other stuff ready so that you can leave at your desired time.
    - Make sure that you don't forget stuff at the camp site, as it will be very difficult for nontrailer people to take it!
- In the history of Biketour it happened that people with a trailer ended up somewhere alone in the rain and on slippery roads in the mountains and were almost not able to continue!!!! So everybody has to take care about the people with the trailers.





## Morning

In the morning the Breakfast and Lunch crew has to:

1. Wake up as first
2. Maybe restart the fire for tea,
3. See what things were left over from yesterday's dinner and breakfast and decide what you need to buy (People like to

eat porridge or muesli in the morning. Learn from the list of last breakfast how much milk, bread, spread, vegetables and fruit you need to buy.)

4. Buy it healthy and cheap.

5. The crew has to write down how many breads they bought, how many liters of milk, how much of everything and add this to the Breakfast and Lunch paper.

6. Make sure the breakfast is in time try to make the breakfast start around 20 minutes after the wakeup call. other ideas:

- The task of taking care about food is clearly calling for your responsibility.
- When you are ignorant, the whole group will eat unhealthy
- Try to make healthy food that will give us the power to cycle.
- And think about vegans, they need more attention paid to proteins and calcium than other people. If you are not sure what to get, ask them, they might know.

## Call for the morning circle

This is a task, which is necessary when the group doesn't feel the importance of circles.

- Ideally, the morning circles will take a bit longer in the beginning from the Biketour. When everybody participates from the beginning and tells her or his opinion about the discussed issues to work out a common code, there will not be so long morning circles and more time to talk about nice things.
- Experience teaches that people who have the nice habit to come to the morning circle will automatically start to call for a morning circle. The call works the best if you ask the people personally and very friendly, but this can easily forgotten when you have to ask the same people, personally everyday.
- The sooner that people get to the circle, the faster it is over.

## Camp clean-up

- Check the ground when you break down your tent, or just pack your things. When there is some waste lying in front of your feet, even if it looks like it is laying there already for a long time, just make your decision, live the perfect example, bend over and pick it up!
- Take a hike to the Biketour recycling site and that's that.
- The cleanup person gets help from the last people on the camp.
- After the camp is cleaned and the waste is disposed of in a sound way, the cleanup person gets to the owner and proudly shows Biketour respect for the place, by leaving it cleaner than we found it

## Former Ecotopia Biketours



1990: First Ecotopia-Biketour: From the UN-aid-festival in Bergen (Norway) to Ecotopia at Bugac-pusztas in Hungary (approx. 3300 km)

1991: (Re)cycle around the Baltic Sea. From Scheveningen in the Netherlands to Ecotopia at Tudulinna in Estonia (more than 4.000 km)

1992: Follow the Danube by bike up to Ecotopia. From Freiburg Festival at Freiburg (Germany) to Ecotopia at Resets in Bulgaria

1993: From Sittard in the Netherlands to Ecotopia at Chateau de Saint Barthelemy in France (near Durban - Pyrenees)

1994: From Tiszaföldvár in Hungary to Ecotopia at Ardeluta in Romania (approx. 900 km)

1995: From Budapest in Hungary to Ecotopia at Wolimierz in Poland (more than 1000 km)

1996: From Sarospatak in Hungary to Ecotopia at Libkovic in Czech Republic

1998: Cycle Flight to Ecotopia. From Wroclaw in Poland to Ecotopia at Freiburg in Germany (approx. 1.000 km)

1999: From Amsterdam in the Netherlands to Ecotopia at Bogda in Romania

2000: From Krakow in Poland to Turku in Finland

2001: Balkan Unity Ride through Romania, Serbia, Macedonia to Ecotopia at Sinemorets in Bulgaria.

2002: Celtic Safari Biketour. Dover in England to Ecotopia at Lough Derg in Ireland

2003: From Warsaw in Poland to Kolomyia in Ukraine

2004: Bread & Water Tour. From Vienna in Austria to Ecotopia at Gorinchem in the Netherlands

2005: From Banja Luka in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Ecotopia at Saharna nature reserve in Moldova

2006: From Jauliai in Lithuania via Ecotopia at Zajeová (Slovakia) to World Carfree Day in Split (Croatia)

2007: From Barcelona in Spain to Aljezur in Portugal

2008: From Sofia in Bulgaria to the Ecotopia Camp in Sinop/Turkey

2009: From Belgrade in Serbia to the MuM festival in Jagnjedovec/Croatia



The first Ecotopia Biketour arriving at the Ecotopia Camp (1990)



## What is Consensus?

Consensus is a decision making process designed to bring together the views of all the members of the group.

Consensus does not require everyone to agree on everything, it does require a common goal of the group and willingness to work on problems together. Consensus works if the group can work openly and creatively with concerns of individuals about proposals. The group reshapes proposals until everyone is comfortable with them. Consensus is based on the philosophy that the process of making decisions is key part of the decision. Good process means that people's concerns are taken into the decision, that the process empowers people and that everyone has an opportunity to shape the decision. Consensus is a flexible process, you should feel more than free to build new decision tools, modify the steps, add or change the roles as best fits the needs of your groups.

## Why Consensus?

Perhaps the strongest argument for the need for a "new" decision-making method is the world around us which has been created by the "old" methods. In a world governed by consensus, nuclear weapons, the genocide and mistreatment of indigenous people, the attack on the environment and the madness of war would be impossible – they would be blocked by you and me and millions of others. Consensus grew out of a critique of the existing decision methods which tend to hold power in the hands of a few and make decisions based often on corrupted values. Consensus attempts to give the maximum power to the individual while giving us the possibility to include as much of our shared experience, knowledge and wisdom in our decisions as possible. The need for consensus is based upon the experience that every decision based on simplifications of truth (using models) bares the danger of missing important points. More opinions and input make a better picture. Combining input from more people also optimizes synergetic effects. Consensus models give a larger opportunity to motivate people to become involved in things they are part of than other decision models.

## Facilitator and other roles

Meetings which work by consensus do not have a leader but do usually have a facilitator. someone who -with consent of the group- helps structuring the meeting. The facilitator's main tasks are to make sure everyone speaks in turn and to make the group aware of the time limits.



Now the dinner crew has to decide if they have enough food, if they want to search for more free food or if they want to buy the remaining food.

- The breakfast and lunch crew doesn't have to buy anything yet (only if we are going to sleep in the middle of nowhere and it would be to far to cycle in the morning) but has ideally established some good contacts in town. (You can offer friendly people to come and have a look at our camp).

## How to cook the food

When the dinner crew enters the camp:

1. A spontaneous volunteer has already made a fire.
2. The dinner crew will basically be the first who will produce waste, so they are expected to create a waste collection point, somewhere close to the fire (not too close but good visible, clean and structured on a central point.)
3. More spontaneous volunteers help to chop up vegetables (hint for silent people: to volunteer spontaneously is a good way to mix with the group, it is highly appreciated within a community)
4. Cooking (see the chapter with campfire recepies)
5. Done! The dinner crew shouts "food" and finds out if someone is missing we have to save food for everybody who isn't there yet.
6. Explanation of how much from everything you get
7. Serving!
8. The dinner crew writes down how many kilos or pieces of whatever was needed to feed what number of people and if it was enough.

## After dinner

When everybody ate (in a circle where everybody is able to sit in and is on the same distance from the fire):

1. The dinner cleanup team will, as its name says, clean everything used for dinner.
2. They will also inform the breakfast and lunch people about the leftovers – as they have to find a way to deal with that the next morning. We don't like to throw things away, especially not food! Often you get tasteful bread spread if you throw all old food together and mash it. You can optimize the taste of the spread with a bit of salt. The making of the spread can be best done in the evening already so more people can help with making it tasteful.
3. Then the breakfast and lunch ppl get the trailers, and the trailer attachments to lock them to their bikes (It is not nice to have to wake up people too early in the morning).



## How to get food

- The best is to leave early with a group: all food people together and the trailer people.
- You really need trailer people to carry your food, so you could make an appointment to meet up but this often results in a lot of waiting so it is much better to ride together. And make sure the person(s) with the pot clearly know that they have a special responsibility to turn up at the sleeping place on time, otherwise the cooking cannot start.
- You see on the map in what place we will stay that evening and try to predict where you can find stores or farmers. Think carefully about opening times. Don't assume you can get to the sleeping place and then buy food, this will result in either a very late dinner or no dinner at all.
- You take off and have a normal cycling day with all the same fun and breaks, but because you left early you can make sure to be in time in the places where you will look for food!
- You might find locals selling home made products along the way. It is VERY OK to support these small businesses (they suffer a lot from the big corporations). So please do so if we have the money to spend.
- You also might encounter wild fruit trees and herbs for tea, don't hesitate to stop for a while, eat some and then collect a whole lot for the group so we don't have to buy it. You might want to find:

1. Organic stores and farmers: they are often friendly and helpful (If you think it is appropriate to ask for food donations;) Wait till a moment when there are no or not so many customers in the store and then go in and tell our story about who we are and what we stand for and hope for the best, practice a song, or maybe even put up a small theatre play in case you don't speak the language that fluently:) (Talk about strategies with your group)

2. It is also a good idea for the *Breakfast and Lunch crew* to search bakeries and try to secure some (free) bread for tomorrow in the same way as described above.

3. Containers from big shops (this is nothing strange or new, it is called dumpster diving): they are often filled with stuff that is still perfectly useful, only the consumer society Brainwashed most of us and now we think that a small spot on an apple is going to kill us. Just find the containers somewhere around the shops, they might be hidden away behind a fence or even locked. If you can get to the container, just give it your best try (one person might want to check out if there is something to get) If somebody tells you to go away or the containers are locked, ask for the chief and do your Biketour thing....

- Do you think there are more ways to get food for free (maybe it is better to not steal food for 50 people) please demonstrate them on the Biketour and write a nice, funny, adventurous report about it so we can share this information with the world.



The facilitator should also keep an eye on the structure of the meeting and so is more likely to introduce different techniques or to summarize the current state of the discussion, although anyone can do this. Apart from the facilitator, other specific roles will be the note taker (who should take note of the decisions reached), the time keeper (who keeps score of the time based on the amount of time set up for each item at start of the meeting) and a vibes watcher (sometimes it is important to watch out for people getting upset/tired/stressed or who are unhappy with the decision but don't feel able to say why). It is better if the facilitator and vibes watcher are not part in the content of the meeting themselves (if possible).

## Structure of a Consensus Meeting

The meeting starts with the facilitator, time keeper, note taker and vibes watcher being appointed, followed by the agenda and time limits being agreed by the meeting. The facilitator will also make any necessary practical announcements at this stage. The topics on the agenda are then discussed. Each discussion continues until everyone agrees -if someone blocks a decision then the discussion must re-start on the basis of those objections. Everyone has the right to block a decision they really can't live with, although this is rare. People also have the option to stand aside ("I'm not doing it but I won't stop you"), but in most cases true consensus can be reached. During the morning circles working groups can be formed to further discuss a specific idea or problem later on during the day, and report back to the morning circle the next day.

## How to make consensus effective

The two golden rules are to be constructive (it's not valid just to disagree or block, explain your reasons, offer your alternatives or commitments) and to wait until it's your turn to speak. Other things that may help are:

- Listen - Make sure you understand what is being discussed, especially if you need a translation. Try to get all information about a point before you support or criticize it.
- Explain - Make sure people understand your position and your proposals, especially if you are being translated.
- Be as brief as you can.
- Be flexible, Be patient. - Contradictions in the decision-making process are O.K.
- Do not feel isolated - We are all here with the same motivation.
- Support the facilitator if the meeting starts to get out of control.





## Hand Signals

For the whole group to come to a decision requires a lot of communication, but not all communication requires words. These hand signals have been developed so we can express these key ideas without interrupting the speaker.



### ONE RAISED OPEN HAND

Just like in school, this means "I have a question/comment." You should keep your hand up until the facilitator sees it and recognizes you. When many people raise their hands, the facilitator will make a list and call on people in order.



### BOTH BANDS ROLLING

It is clear what you want to say, for me you don't have to continue with this point. This indicates to the speaker, that it is clear what she/he said and that she/he can stop talking further. This sign is developed to help the speaker: not to criticize what she/he says. Also the facilitator can react, when a lot of people use this sign, by stopping the speaker.



### TWO HANDS IN A "T"

This means "I have a technical remark [process suggestion]". Use this sign when you have an idea how the group can come to a decision through some other tool or method (like using a straw poll or breaking into groups to solve different parts of the problem). Usually, a facilitator will call on this sign before others, because a good process suggestion can save a lot of talk. Be sure NOT to use this sign when you are going to talk about the issue directly (then use one raised open hand).



### BOTH HANDS "FANNING" DOWN

This means "Slow down, you're talking too fast". Especially good to use with native English speakers who have forgotten not everyone was born that way.



### FINGERS WRIGGLING IN FRONT OF THE FACE

This means "I'm confused". The speaker should try to use other words and explain simply and shortly what he or she is trying to say.



## The tasks

We are the Biketour, and the Biketour is us! To try to accommodate that everything runs smoothly, there are tasks which need people to attend to them every day. Below is a list with thoughts and ideas about them. But feel free to come up with a better ways of making things happen. After all, everybody wants to eat, sleep, have a route, take a shower, use the toilet, etcetera.

In the notes which follow there is a lot of talk about "teams" etc. But don't let that be an argument for you not to help out when it is usefull.

### Breakfast and lunch cleanup

After breakfast, this crew doesn't really clean up because the lunch will be made soon after. They will put the lids onto the jars to prevent the insects from coming. They will also clean most of the spilled jam and other sweet stuff and can already clean empty packages. After the morning circle the lunch will be prepared and then you will clean everything, tables, floor, Biketour cutlery, pots used for tea and porridge (when empty). Everything used for breakfast and lunch. You will clean all jars and separate all possible waste on the garbage collection point with the beautiful signs, which are in the kitchen. It is also your task to dispose the garbage in a sound way.

### Dinner cleanup

When everybody has eaten:

- The dinner cleanup team will clean everything used for dinner.
- RECYCLE TO THE MAX!

### Preparing breakfast and lunch or dinner

These tasks are carried out in a small group and need some preparation.

If you volunteered in the morning circle

- to prepare breakfast means tomorrow's breakfast.
- dinner means today

There are a few things that seem to be hidden rules to a successful Biketour food preparation. Firstly, take your responsibility seriously. If you have promised to do something, do it. There could be 40 people's humour and friendliness towards you depending on this...





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### Networking

Last but not least, Klimacamp means to get to know interesting people who maintain a critical position towards certain trends in politics and society. There will be loads of opportunities to have exciting discussions, get in touch with like-minded groups or plan the next action together: not only during the workshops, but while hanging out in the camp café, while drumming around the camp fire or while learning how to juggle ...

Come and take part – we look forward to meeting you!

### Tagebau Garzweiler

The Tagebau Garzweiler is a large strip mine (*Tagebau*) in North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany. It is operated by RWE Power AG and used for mining lignite. RWE is one of the biggest energy companies in Germany, which is criticized for its business practice and well known for its social and environmental destructive projects. The mine currently has a size of 48 km<sup>2</sup> and takes its name from the village Garzweiler previously existing in that location.

Seven villages has been replaced so far, three are in process of being replaced and six will be. This comes with huge social problems and is currently challenged in court.

### The open cast mine

Mining is taking place in the 66,0 km<sup>2</sup> area **Garzweiler I** located east of motorway A44, and in 2006 the bucket-wheel excavators first touched parts of the 48,0 km<sup>2</sup> **Garzweiler II** area. Exploitation is planned from 2006 until 2045.



### HANDS UP WAVING



The symbol for consensus: "I agree" or "this sounds like a good idea".

When the facilitator tests for consensus and only sees waving hands, we have a decision. It is also a positive silent expression. It can be useful when someone comes up with a good idea and when the facilitator sees everyone waving - they know we are near consensus.

### ONE RAISED FIST



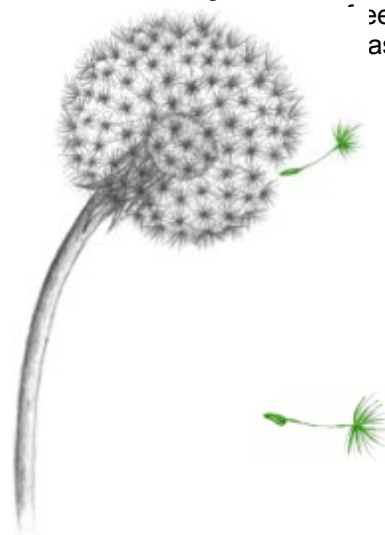
The symbol of protest, it means "No! Stop! I block this idea." If a proposal is presented and the facilitator asks for comments, the raised fists will get first attention- There is no consensus without everyone's agreement and these strongest objections should be heard first. This symbol can also be used when you have very strong negative feelings about what the speaker is saying. However, you need to be most careful about this sign. Before you block, be sure you understand what is being said, for the entire group's attention will focus on you once you raise your fist. If several fists go up at once, time can be saved by stopping a bad idea before it is explained in detail.

**Seeds for Change** works together with activists and campaigners in the UK to help them organise for action and positive social change. They have a lot of fantastic guides and briefing on all sorts of ways that the biketour is organised. All their documents are @nti-copyright. Please feel

free to copy, adapt and distribute them as long as the final work remains @nti-copyright. See

[www.seedsforchange.org.uk](http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk)

the stuff on the website is well worth reading! Seeds for change is offering us a long consensus and facilitation workshop at the beginning of the tour. The workshop includes a train the trainers concept, where participants are trained to pass on the knowledge they learned. If you have the feeling that you don't know enough about consensus, raise this topic in one of the circles.



## Dadadadaaa... the route!

**Friday 25 June** - the day that Ecotopia Biketour 2010 really starts!

Daytime - taking part in the last day of Artsadmin's Interference project, building our own portable rocket stove, screenprinting t-shirts and flags, and fixing up our bikes with some visiting mechanics.

1800 London Critical Mass! meet at the South Bank, under Waterloo Bridge southern end, 4km from Artsadmin and the Ratstar. Critical mass gathers from 1800 but usually doesn't leave until 1900 so don't worry if you're running late. Go to the Ratstar

### **Saturday 26 June – London-Darlington (train and 10km)**

Quick group meeting to organise food and travel, introductions, clarify what we're doing today and in the next few days.

10:00 first group leaves the Ratstar to go to Kings Cross station.

We are travelling on 3 different trains in groups of 5 from London Kings Cross to Darlington leaving at 1130, 1200 and 1600.

We are arriving at Darlington station between 1400 and 1830, and will meet people from the Darlington Cycle Campaign <http://bikedarlington.blogspot.com/> and Darlington Friends of the Earth <http://darlingtonfoe.blogspot.com/> who will go with us to the Darlington Community Carnival happening that day. As well as attending that the first people should sort out food for later.

At 1830 the last people arrive at the station and we will all cycle the 10 km together to our first sleeping place Clow Beck Eco Centre, where we will cook for ourselves and we will watch the film 'Beauty and the Bike'.

If you can afford it, please pay the cost of 19GBP for your train ticket; we have some funding to pay for some of these tickets, but not all of them. (To be discussed on the tour).

*Clervaux Eco Farm, Clow Beck, Jolby Lane, Croft-on-Tees, DL2 2TF*

### **Sunday 27 June – Darlington-Botton Village (55km)**

Coffee bar selling homemade cake open until 1630 Meeting point in Botton Village at 1630 outside the coffee bar in order to have a quick introduction to the project, then off to our sleeping place. *Botton Village – Field behind the Camphill Press near HoneyBee Nest Farm*



## Groups, Activities, Actions, Campaigns, Camps



At Klimacamp 2010 we want to deal in detail with the important issues of our time.

We want to form an opinion, take a stand and make ourselves heard. Our aim is to show that a high quality of life doesn't necessarily depend on a high use of natural resources. We are going to live in a free, frisky and fertile way – at a place where life soon won't be welcome any more.

The camp is based on four core elements:

### **Workshops, Seminars, Discussions**

At the Klimacamp we take time to deal with important topics: climate change in a global context, coal mining and its impacts on nature and society, energy supply of the future. Lectures, discussions, workshops will not only help you to get an overview in the maze of information, but enable you to find your own point of view in all that; and together we will tackle the vital issue: what can WE do?

### **Participation and political protest**

Climate Policy is everybody's business! Therefore, the camp emphasizes our right to have a say in the matter. On Saturday, 28th of August, there will be a public action, to which we will invite other climate groups and anti-coal movements, too. Of course, you will also find participation on the camp itself: programme, structures and rules are not imposed on you from "above", but shaped by everybody for everybody.

### **Sustainable life style**

Organic food, bicycle-driven generators, solar cookers are an important element of the climate camp. We want to use as few natural resources as possible, and show that many luxury items and life-style habits are not so important at all. No matter if you are cycling around the coal pit, if you are dancing along off-grid music or if you are eating your solar cooked meal with regional ingredients – you will be inspired to live in sustainable way even after the camp.



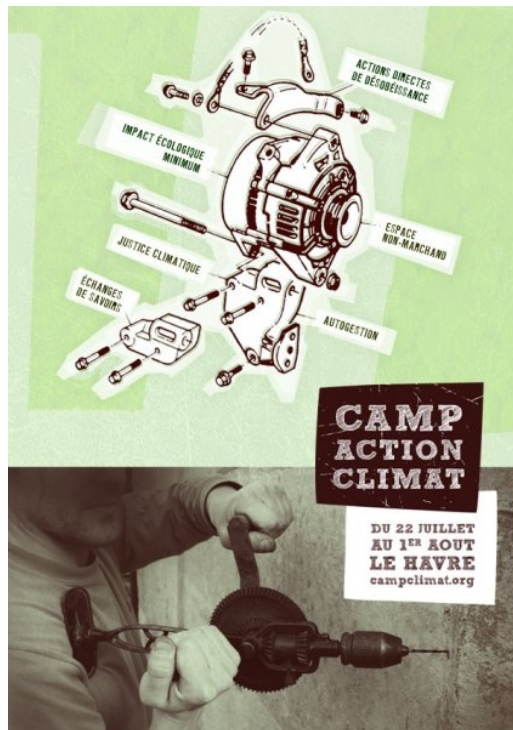
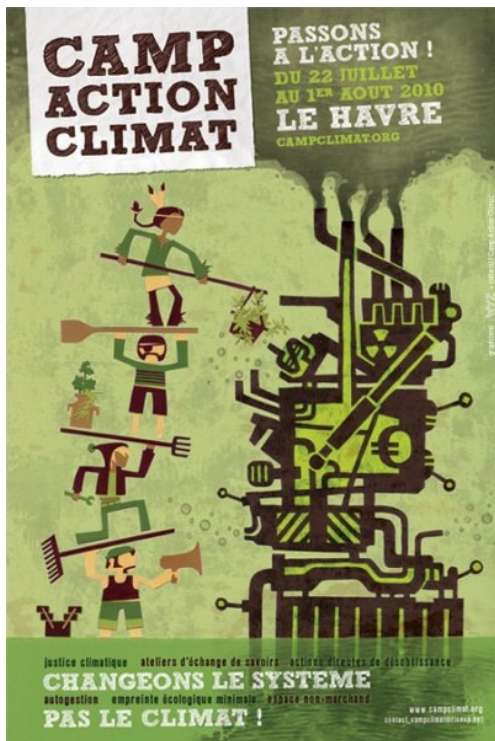
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- Giving out advice, such as legal information on the situation for migrants in France and in the UK, and holding English classes.
- Doing humanitarian work, such as first aid, providing emotional support – especially to children, distributing equipment to the squats etc.
- Building shelters and squatting buildings for migrants.
- Visiting people in „immigration prisons“ and supporting them in detention.

It's not just about Calais.... The network we are building fights all aspects of the border regime. Over 30.000 men, women and children are detained in the UK in a year for immigration purposes, in „immigration removals centres“ that are built like category B prisons. UKBA have announced plans to start forcibly deporting unaccompanied minors to Afghanistan, 12 a month alongside 120 adults, once a „reception centre“ in Kabul is set up. Armed border patrols such as Frontex violently implement the wishes of the EU. Deportations to war torn countries happen regularly. Migrant support services are restricted across Europe. But we can resist! Come to Calais! Get involved in your local No Borders group, or come to the Brussels No Borders camp 25<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October and make the connections between the border regime.

Freedom of movement, and the right to stay, for all!

[www.stopdeportation.net](http://www.stopdeportation.net) [www.noborders.org.uk](http://www.noborders.org.uk) [www.noborderbxl.eu.org](http://www.noborderbxl.eu.org)



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### Mon 28 June – Botton Village-York 65km – a big day of cycling with a big hill at the start

From 0900 – visit to workshops around Botton Village including the Camphill Press

1730 TCC Conference welcome party for Biketour at Priory Street Centre, 15 Priory Street, YO1 6ET, then to the sleeping place for dinner  
2000 Carfree pub crawl starting at the Fountain in the middle of Parliament Street (at Market St/Jubbergate).

*York – St Barnabas Church Hall on Salisbury Terrace YO26 4XP (at the corner of Bright Street). Showers: nearby YHA for 50p donation between 0700-0900 (don't go in a big group); Please keep the hall as clean and tidy as possible, (there is a ballet class in the late afternoon)*

### Tues 29 June – York – TCCC open day

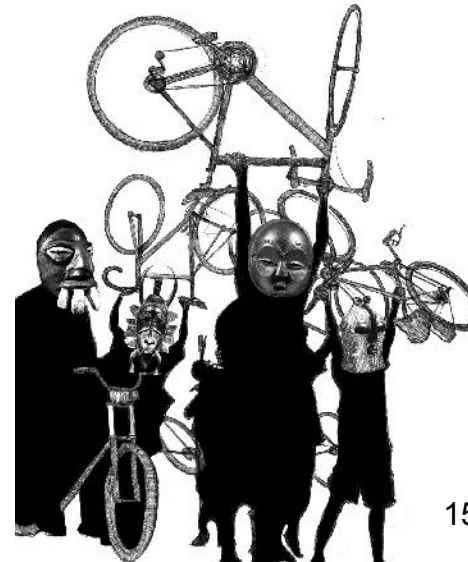
0900-17300 TCC conference open day  
evening? Rebecca Smith, Seeds of Change and partner arrive 2000 (for 2030)-2230 Carfree film night, City Screen Picturehouse, 13-17 Coney Street YO1 9QL (set back from Coney St, York's main shopping street, behind St Martin le Grand Church, on the riverside)

### Weds 30 June – York – BT Seeds of Change workshop

0930(for 1000)-1700 Consensus workshop with Rebecca  
2030 Cruise on the Ouse – drinks and entertainment

There's still a wall-mounted boiler in the kitchen at the conference venue that you can use. You'll just need to label anything such as milk in the fridge as 'Biketour'.

Internet – Priory Street Centre has free wi-fi Internet access. The connection is named „public“ and does not require a password. York CVS conference laptops (you'll have one in the room) should automatically be set up to find the right connection.



### Thurs 1 July – York-Pontefract – 50km

We will cycle through 'Megawatt Valley' where three of the biggest coal fired power stations in the UK sit near each other. The largest, Drax Power station provide 7% of the UK's electricity and is the UK's single largest emitter of carbon dioxide, and the highest estimated emitter of Nitrogen Oxide in the European Union.

*Pontefract – Brotherhood Church, Stapleton, Nr. Pontefract, Yorkshire WF8 3DF*

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### **Fri 2 july – Pontefract –Leeds 40km**

*Leeds – Cornerstone Housing Co-op, 40 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB*

### **Sat 3 july – Leeds, Open Space, Workshop day**

planned workshops: vegan cooking 2 hours, climate justice 2 hours, bike repair and maintenance?

### **Sun 4 july – Leeds-Sheffield – 60km – a big day of cycling going from one big city to another through a fairly urban area**

*Sheffield – TBC Cliffhanger festival Millhouses Park, Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield S7 2QQ <http://www.cliff-hanger.co.uk/>*

### **Mon 5 july – Sheffield-Wincle (near Buxton) 55km**

*Wincle – The Wild Boar Inn Wincle Macclesfield SK11 0QL*

### **Tues 6 july – Wincle-Whitchurch 65km**

*Whitchurch – Four Oaks Campsite, Whitchurch, Shropshire*

### **Weds 7 july – Whitchurch-Huntington Lane Camp 40km**

*Huntington Lane – New Works Lane, west of Lawley, west of Telford*

### **Thurs 8 july to Fri 9 july – Huntington Lane Camp**

rest days OR trip to Centre for Alternative Technology OR on-site work and action with Huntington Lane

### **Sat 10 july – Huntington Lane Camp – Earthworm Housing Coop 50km**

*Earthworm – Earthworm Housing Co-op, Wheatstone, High Street, Leintwardine, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 0LH*

Info: Vegan food only allowed on site

### **Sun 11 july - Earthworm Housing Coop – Canon Frome Court 50km arrive after 4**

maybe some leftover veggie food but don't rely on it.

*Canon Frome Court – Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2TD*

### **Mon 12 – Canon Frome Court-Abergavenny 55km**

**Tues 13 – Abergavenny**  
rest day including some working on the farm



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### **Calais Migrant Solidarity –No Borders network**

There are currently around 400 „sans-papiers“ in Calais at any one time, sleeping in the streets, and constantly subjected to police chases, arrests and beatings. Since the destruction of the Pashto jungle last September, clearances have been regular events in Calais, and along the channel.

Following the No Borders Camp in June, activists from across Europe set up a permanent presence in Calais. We act in resistance to the police harassment of migrants, raising awareness about the situation in Calais, promoting mutual aid and acting in solidarity with those without papers. We aim to build a stronger transnational movement against migration controls. The „de lit solidarite“ or „offence of solidarity“ makes it illegal to help migrants in France. Despite this, we continue to resist. The situation in Calais is the reality of the border regime, and Fortress Europe. The border in Calais is a UK border, and the French government is supported by the UK Border Agency. Earlier this month (June) the „Africa House“ home to many migrants from Sudan and Eritrea, was evicted and the last established squat housing many Palestinians will probably be next.


Work we are doing in Calais:

- Monitoring police activity, and directly intervening in the daily raids, evictions and arrests.
- Working with the migrants to hold public protests and take direct action.
- Doing outreach with the local community to try to get more Calaisiens to resist and show solidarity.





# defend huntington lane



In October 2009 UK Coal were granted permission to mine almost a million tonnes of coal from a site called Huntington Lane SMS near Telford, Shropshire - this beautiful 230 acre site near The Wrekin encompasses part of the Shropshire Hills AONB and is home to a scheduled ancient monument. At least one County Wildlife Site and the flora and fauna of the borough's largest and most valuable areas of ancient woodland are threatened by the surface mine.

In addition to the substantial loss of habitat and biodiversity, this coal will of course be used to generate electricity, releasing a minimum of 2,430,000 tonnes of climate changing CO2 emissions into the atmosphere.

In March 2010 protesters moved onto the site in an effort to defend the site from this destruction at the hands of UK Coal. To find out how you can help visit our website or call the number below.

[www.stopukcoal.co.cc](http://www.stopukcoal.co.cc)  
07727 295232

**Weds 14 july – Abergavenny-Merthyr Tydfil 35km**

camping on the site of the 2009 Climate Camp Cymru (Wales), land owned by the council.

call Alyson when we're on the way, she's expecting us to arrive between 5 and 6.

**Thurs 15 July – Merthyr-Usk 50km**

Usk – TBC but possibly a farm at NP15 1ND

**Fri 16 july –Usk-Bristol 45km**

**Sat 17 july – Bristol**

Southmead Carnival

**Sun 18 july – Bristol**

Rest day

**Mon 19 july – Bristol–Pewsey 70km**

Pewsey – The Barge Inn, Honeystreet, Pewsey, Wilts, SN9 5PS

**Tues 20 july – Pewsey-Northdown Orchard 55km**

Northdown Orchard – South Litchfield, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 3BP

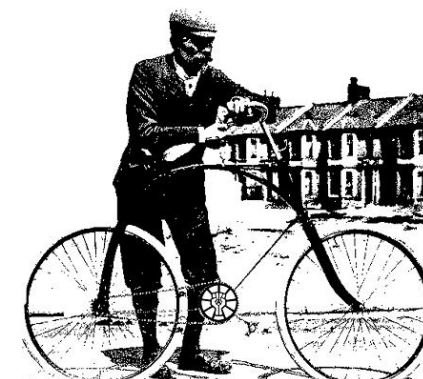
**Weds 21 july – Northdown Orchard-Havant 55km**

Visit to Sustainability Centre en route?

Havant – 1 Holme Farm Cottages, Stansted, Rowlands castle, Hampshire, PO9 6DT

**Thurs 22 july –Havant-Portsmouth Harbour 15km & Portsmouth-Le Havre by ferry**

Arrive at ferry port at 0700, ferry leaves Portsmouth 0830, arrives Le Have 1245. This is the only ferry that day, we cannot miss it! We already have 20 cheap tickets at 16 GBP each for cyclists on this ferry - these will be taken by the first 20 people to register. After these might not be space for any more cyclists or you might have to pay more or take a different ferry, so register as soon as possible! We will probably ask you to pay us back for your ticket if you can afford it, we have some funding to pay for some of these tickets, but not all of them. (To be discussed on the tour)



**22nd July - 1st August Camp Action Climat (french climate camp) Le Havre, France.**

**6-7 August - Ruisseauville "A petits pas"**  
Environmental education, eco-construction

**Tues 8 August Landrethun le Nord**  
eco-construction "Le Chenelet"

**9-11 August - Calais Migrant Solidarty No Borders network**

**Thurs 12 August - Herzelee**

**Fri 13 August - Alveringham or Keiem, Belgium**  
camping on a biological farm

**Sat 14 August - De Haan**  
camping on a biological farm

**Sun 15 August - Oostende.**  
Paulusfeesten and climate events: continuing the "Big Ask" for a climate law, we'll have a critical mass, play "climate monopoly" on the beach, have a mass dance lesson, concert with Cold Cut as part of the "Energy Union Tour".

**Mon 16 August - Oostende - Gent (Staying in Merelbeke). 65km**

**Tues 17 August - Gent.**  
Critical mass + presentations/workshops

**Wed 18 August - somewhere south-west of Brussels**

**19 - 21 August - Nethen - Permaculture festival**  
[www.festivalpermaculture.be](http://www.festivalpermaculture.be)

**Sun 22 August – Maastricht**  
Probably we're going to sleep in a squat

**Mon 23 August Maastricht to Schinveld, about 40 km**  
strong (meaning sometimes pretty steep, but never long lasting) up and downhill through beautiful landscape.



During this same day there will likely be two activities:



- A short action (and/or presentation about) in the area of Amstenrade/Brunssum, against the 4-lane ring highway that the government wants to build around the area of Parkstad county, South-Limburg. The inner ring is partly build already, the definitive proposal of the route for the outer ring is just published for public last week. Many different groups are protesting against the plans and will reject it. Overall coordinating group of protest is the Milieufederatie Limburg. Maybe we're doing a small bike-demo together with local groups to generate publicity.

- Presentation of the finished campaign of STOP AWACS & GroenFront (dutch EarthFirst) against (plans of) NATO air base  
I spoke with ppl from GroenFront who had an action camp in the trees in 2005/2006 and where campaigning together with locals against the activities and plans of the nearby situated NATO base, just over the border in Geilenkirchen, Germany. The idea was to learn from their campaign by a presentation of both an activist of GroenFront and ppl connected with the local Stop Awacs-group.

**Tues 24 August Schinveld – Erkelenz 50 km**

Ride from (near) Schinveld to the climate camp in Erkelenz, about 50 km. (the exact camp location is not known yet, but I used "Marienstiftstrasse" so far). It's an easy route, and about 10 km before the camp there is some recreation lake where ppl could have a swim. As next day is very demanding again, I would suggest ppl to leave NLs early morning, so they still can have an afternoon at the camp to adjust a bit and rest.



**24 August – 30 August**

Our stay at Klima Camp 2010 in Erkelenz-Borschemich. The programme was not finished at the time when we printed the booklet. There will be discussions, art and creativity (also workshops), action trainings, demonstrations, parties.

On wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, there will be a 60-km-wide bicycle-demonstration around the coalmine (also called the hole) and a streetparty: 'Straßenfest trotz(t) Kohlepest'



**Mon 30 August Erkelenz – Cologne 60 km**

The last day of our tour will lead us from Klima Camp in Erkelenz-Borschemich to our final destination Cologne!  
On the 60 km trip we will cycle through mainly developed areas, meadows and some wood land. Our total climbing meters are going to be 146.

We will have one more look at the infamous Grazweiler strip mine before crossing the towns of Jüchen, Grevenbroich, Rommerskirchen, Pulheim and finally Cologne, where we are going to have our evaluation and 20th anniversary party (on the 31. August)! If the place is not evicted we will have the possibility to stay in a new squatted social center, which is known for its big amount of activities and support from heterogeneous groups.