

## **FORMER WESTFIELD ACTION GROUP**

Two Public Meetings were called on 5 and 12 March 2007 with regard to the proposals of Ineos to Construct and Operate an Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Generating Station on Land owned by INEOS at Weston Point, Runcorn Cheshire, whereby it was agreed that an Action Group be set up as soon as possible.

A further Meeting was held on 26 March 2007, whereby all people interested in becoming members of the Committees were invited to that meeting and further agreed and elected officers and committees.

## **CONSTITUTION OF NEW GROUP**

1. The group shall be known as ‘The Halton Action Group Against the Incinerator’. There will be no membership fee.
2. The aims of the group are to ensure the health and well-being of Halton Residents by opposing the proposals of Ineos to Construct and Operate an Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Generating Station on Land owned by INEOS at Weston Point, Runcorn Cheshire.
3. Membership of the group is open to any person who has concerns with regard to the proposals outlined in number 2 above. It is not a requirement to be a Halton resident. Members however, must be formally registered. Membership cards will be given to all registered members.
4. An Executive Committee will be elected by the Action Group of between four and six people. This committee will consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Administrator and up to three other members. Members of the Executive Committee must be registered members. This group will be the steering group and will lead the four sub groups.
5. Four working groups will be elected by the Action Group to be responsible for tasks as follows:- Fund Raising Group, Publicity & Communications Group, Technical / Research Group and Tactical Group. Each group will have a Co-ordinator. There will be no limitation to the memberships of these groups. Some people will wish to remain anonymous. However, all names will be known and kept by the Executive Committee and will be formally registered as members. Any other people who do not serve on either the Executive Committee or any Working Groups may become registered members. All registered members will receive a membership number as confirmation of their membership. Memberships will not be transferable.
6. A Treasurer will be appointed by the Action Group. This person must be a registered member and will keep accounts of all monies received and spent by the Action Group. An audit will be required once per year, by an independent person appointed by the Executive Committee. A Bank Account will be opened in the name of ‘Halton Action Group Against the Incinerator’ whereby two signatures will be required, one being the Treasurer and the other a member of the Executive Committee.
7. All registered Action Group members will be allowed to vote at any meeting of the Action Group.

8. There will be no timetables for meetings. Meetings will be arranged as and when necessary. A Meeting of the full Action Group will be held Annually. Any registered member may request an Emergency Meeting of the Action Group, together with support from two other registered members and this must be in writing to the Executive Committee, giving at least three weeks notice of the intended Emergency Meeting.
9. Public Meetings will be arranged as and when necessary. All registered members will be notified of full Action Group Meetings or Public Meetings by post or email. Executive Group meetings and all sub-group meetings will be arranged by each group's Co-ordinator, and invitations will be by telephone, post or email.
10. Any changes to the Action Group's Constitution will be made by consultation between the Executive Committee and Working Group Members, and agreed at a specially arranged meeting of which all registered members have had notice and invite.
11. It may be decided by a formal vote at a full Action Group meeting of registered members, if or when the Group is no longer required. This meeting will have the authority to end the Action Group. All monies will then be given to a Charity, chosen by vote at that full Action Group Meeting of registered members.
12. Unruly behaviour at any meetings will not be tolerated. Any person acting in any way abusive or showing any signs of irresponsible behaviour or attack either verbally or physically on any other person will be asked to leave and their membership will be cancelled.
13. At all meetings where agreements are made or changes made to the constitution, there must be at least 10% attendance of registered members of that Group or Groups.