



Newsletter

March/April 2017

Not One Well

Group Updates

We have been keeping an eye on UKOG developments whilst preparing for local elections.

We have been updating and distributing information packs for Landowners, Farmers and Council candidates .



In March three of the team headed for Sussex, to meet with the Weald Action Group, including campaigners from Balcombe, Horse Hill, Brockham & Markwells Wood. There was input from Frack Off and members of Friends of the Earth.

Hearing their first-hand experiences and sharing our action plans is invaluable in helping to create resources in preparation for challenging planning applications.

We are using real examples of industry documents, council responses and opposition statements to prepare models for Isle of Wight Communities to adapt in response to public consultations.

Gathering at IWC



Anti-fracking campaigners gather outside County Hall on Wednesday to highlight fears for the island's countryside. (2017 040517)

On March 22nd we set up outside the IWC in Newport to distribute leaflets prior to putting questions to the council from the public gallery about changes in legislation affecting water protection.



A Statutory Instrument of the Infrastructure Act has now been confirmed as considered so that **Hydraulic Fracturing or FRACKING is defined only by the amount of fluids used in the process of creating and extracting fuels (10,000m³ or 2.2 million gallons or more for each well)**

This means that unconventional wells **could** be drilled from the **surface** of any protected area and acidised and fracked **as long as the fluids used are below the legal threshold.**

This could change the regulations that formally protected sites from surface drilling for hydraulic fracking.

To read the legislative committee debate go to this link **SI debate**

Meeting at Quay Arts

Our thanks to Paul Armfield at Quay Arts for hosting our public meeting and presentation at the Minghella Theatre on Saturday 22nd April.

Considering it was a Saturday night it was a good turnout of around 20 people, including some candidates for council elections.. Good discussion session and kind donations from the audience to our funds.



We Need Your Help and Ideas



● Membership

If you would like to support us and become a formal member of our group for just £6 per year see the **Home Page** at our website. All done in two clicks!

What Can I do?

How about buying a T shirt?
Huge thanks to Roger Bartrum
(IW Green Party) who has
kindly designed and now
made available for sale from
his Teemill shop, this T shirt in
support of FFIOW.



The shirt is certified 100% Organic Cotton t-shirt (155g/m2) / Made in an ethically accredited, wind-powered factory / Low Carbon / GM Free / Hand finished in the UK / Wash Cool, Hang Dry from Rapanui here on the Island.

Every WHITE T shirt bought
will provide a £3 donation to
our funds

Click on the image BELOW to go to the site.



For more ideas on how you can help, click **Questions?**

Local Elections



We have sent a letter to all prospective local and IWC election candidates asking them to comment on their stance regarding oil extraction on the Island.

It will be interesting to see how many councillors respond. Check the website at the beginning of May to see who did comment and how they responded.

In the meantime follow this link to the **On The Wight** website to contact candidates in your own area to discover their views on the subject.

Upcoming Events



The IW Liberal Democrats have asked us to inform our members that they are holding a social event on Wed 26th April at The Wight Military Museum (previously the Tank Museum, Northwood) with guest speaker Graham Neale, who is Chair of the Green Liberal Democrats. Liberal Democrats have a national policy against fracking in the UK. (Labour has vowed to ban fracking if it wins the general election and the Green Party has always strongly opposed fracking)

[Link by clicking image](#)

Light The Wight

Are holding a meditation session on May 7th in support of FFIOW and Wake The Wight.

We are heartened by the efforts of other groups, individuals and organisations using different approaches to raise awareness of the same issues.

Everyone has something that they can bring to support our cause.



General Election



The next couple of months are going to be packed with political discussion. Please encourage neighbours, friends and family members to use their vote to ensure the best outcome for the Island and nationally.

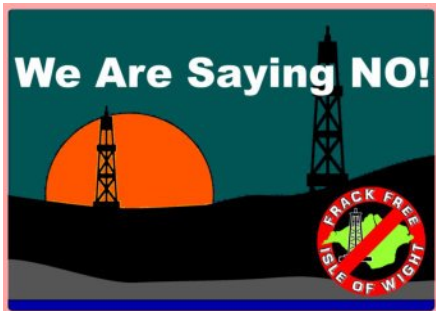
DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE

Website

It contains;

- Facts about drilling methods.
- Detail about the IOW licences areas
- Probable impacts of drilling on the Island
- Resources, links to and further reading of reports, IOW geology and water sources, articles and government documents
- Details of planning processes
- Videos
- Questions and Answers
- Breaking News
- Newsletter Archive

Posters

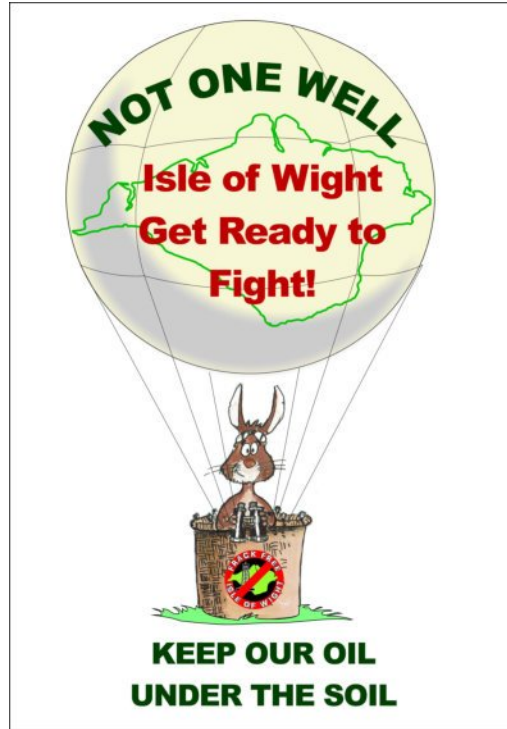


Click through to the **resources page** to find a collection of A4 posters that can be downloaded to print and put in your window.

Also check out the Latest News Page for key UK news or check the **Drill or Drop Website** for the latest updates.

Thank you for your ongoing support and keep on spreading the word!

Future Meetings



The local council elections and now the June 8th General Election has made everyone incredibly busy

However, in due course we will be confirming dates for a series of public gatherings and meetings for all of our members and all people who want to find out more about our long term plans.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

We plan to

- Raise awareness about Seismic testing, Land Acquisition and the Planning Process
- Outline our Action Plan main objectives and events for 2017

Ask for input on what ideas you have and what you would like FFIOW to do.