

Climate SOS : Shift Our Subsidies

Ways of Working

This document is designed to provide information about the nature of our group and the way that we will work.

We are a small group of people, based in West Yorkshire, who have decided to campaign for the UK Government to tell the truth about its fossil fuel subsidies and shift taxpayers' money from fossil fuels and industrial-scale bioenergy into energy efficiency, non-emissive renewable energy, public transport and nature restoration.

Our views on these issues are expressed in our twelve-point *Climate SOS Declaration* and our accompanying five demands.

We see ourselves in the tradition of very small-scale, but effective grassroots organisations like the [UK Tar Sands Network](#) or [Coal Action Network](#).

We intend to campaign over the next five years to raise awareness of issues around subsidies, to build support for a subsidy shift and change policy in Government and opposition parties.

The group has a budget of 10 hours per week.

We'll be delighted if others wish to work with us. Because of our limited capacity, we are not in a position to organise national meetings away from our region.

There are various ways in which people can get involved:

- People in Yorkshire or the North can join us for meetings (subject to COVID 19).
- People in other parts of the country can join us for e-meetings.
- Any groups of people in other parts of the country can set up their own 'Climate SOS : Shift Our Subsidies' groups. We request that, for clarity, groups using this name accept the *Climate SOS Declaration*. If groups want to campaign on fossil fuel subsidies but don't wish to adopt the *Climate SOS Declaration*, we request that they use another name. We'll be happy to collaborate with them, as with other groups, where it is productive.
- People in other parts of the country may be happy to work with us remotely. There are many tasks that can be done in any location.

We'll be happy to review this one year after we've launched. If we have seen a dramatic increase in capacity from others taking on roles and jobs during this year, we may be able to justify the time it will take to travel to national meetings.

We recognise the excellent work that has been done on these issues by numerous other groups including Biofuelwatch, Campaign Against Climate Change, Citizens' Climate Lobby UK, Client Earth, Global Justice Now, Global Witness, Grantham Institute, Green New Deal UK, New Economics Foundation, Overseas Development Institute and Platform London. We welcome any collaboration with these groups and see our role, in part, as highlighting the work they have done.

From late February 2020 to late March 2020 we contacted all these groups and consulted with them on our campaign. We're grateful to all who took time to feed into changes that we made to the Declaration in this period.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about this.

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