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AT THE GREEN COLLECTIVE MEETING last November, I suggested putting out an 'Action Mailing' on behalf of the Collective; and in suggesting it I volunteered myself to produce it. It was an idea which I had been coaxing to the surface of my own mind for some while.

At the time, the Collective was looking for a new, broader identity, within which everyone would have space to develop different but complementary projects (as it still is, with substantial success). With this came the need to distribute more information than could be contained in The Minutes. Also there is a wider need for communication between the growing network of local groups of Green activists, and a Collective mailing could contribute to this.

The Collective, in reappraising itself, is not seeking to become a group of 'leaders' buoyed up by 'supporters'; nor does it want a defined (and therefore to some degree exclusive) system of 'membership'. Which is how we arrived at the idea of being 'subscribers' - who subscribe to the Collective as a whole, and receive the mailing as part of that.

The mailing is being sent, in the first instance, to people who have been involved in the Gatherings, or who have otherwise indicated an interest. The hope is that you will all subscribe, establishing a basic circulation for the mailing and some cash flow for impoverished Collective projects. If you haven't been to any recent Collective meetings, we all look forward to hearing from you.

Up until now, I have always been on the periphery of the Collective and of the Gatherings (which, I hope, gives me some necessary measure of journalistic detachment). But with this mailing I feel I am fulfilling my own natural function, and am grateful to everyone who reads it for granting me that.

This first issue is perhaps a little introspective; which reflects the present state of change and self-examination. But most of what I, for one, am finding in this examination is new possibilities. The next issue will arrive at the end of April - by which time summer will be nearly upon us and those possibilities will be taking shape.

Someone, it was Alistair Seighart, observed at a Roadshow meeting in January that there was a very positive feeling around this new year; a will to tackle the problems of the future, not to stay stuck with the problems of the past. A subtle shift of emphasis, but a real one. 1984 does not seem such a bad year, after all.

I've rambled on and there's no space to talk about what's actually in this mailing, which is what I intended to do. I hope it's all self-explanatory. The 'Draft Constitution' towards the end is another thing I said I'd produce last November. I'm pleased with it myself, and I've got spare copies for anyone who likes it too; but I've no wish to see it adopted in any formal way - may it remain in perpetuity as a Draft.

Love to all,

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What should the Green Collective's priority be for the coming year ?

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26. TA CH'U, The Taming Power of the Great .....

14. TA YU, Possession in Great Measure.

26. The Creative (Ch'ien) is tamed by Ken (Keeping Still). This produces great power.

According to Richard Wilhelm's commentary, "The hexagram has a three-fold meaning, expressing different aspects of the concept 'holding firm': holding firm in the sense of holding together; holding firm in the sense of holding back; holding firm in the sense of caring for and nourishing".

Which gives a pretty clear answer to the question ! The Collective has been asked not to continue with the Glastonbury Green Gathering this year, and instead has many other projects unfolding. The I Ching's advice is not to let our enthusiasm for them run away with us; but to build up our energies and resources, and to develop the Collective on a personal level.

The Judgement adds: Perseverance furthers. Not eating at home brings good fortune. It furthers one to cross the great water. On which Richard Wilhelm comments: "Hold firmly to great creative powers and store them up ... It is an advantage not to eat at home, but rather to earn one's bread by entering upon public office".

Certainly we should be active this year (will the Green Roadshow really 'cross the great water' ?) I don't think 'public office' means that we should all go and work for the Council; but rather that the Collective's activities should be focussed on what we can do to make ourselves useful, to contribute to the green/peace/alternative movement as a whole, rather than on how we can promote the Green Collective for its own sake.

The one changing line is Six in the fourth place: The headboard of the young bull. Great good fortune. (In ancient China, before a bull's horns grew out a headboard was fastened to its forehead, so that later when the horns appeared they could do no harm). "A good way to restrain wild force is to forestall it. By so doing one achieves an easy and great success".

The Collective's plans are varied and ambitious. Again, the message is to take it easy. Their time will come in due course.

14. "The fire in heaven above shines far, and all things stand out in the light and become manifest".

This second reading offers us Supreme Success if we follow the advice contained in the first. Wilhelm comments: "Power is expressing itself in a graceful and controlled way. This brings supreme success and wealth".

And wealth ! The question was what should our priority be in the coming year. I interpret this to mean that if we attend to the small things, to building the Collective and its plans in a gradual, controlled way, then 1985 could be our year for more spectacular results.

The Image is "Fire in heaven above ... The superior man curbs evil and furthers good, and thereby obeys the benevolent will of heaven". And if we can create the opportunity to do that effectively, then surely we're travelling the right path.

Having thrown the coins for this reading, I (accidentally) turned to the Hexagrams formed with yin rather than yang lines in the first three places; which would have resulted in 23 ('Splitting Apart') followed by 35 ('Progress'). At first sight these would have seemed to be most appropriate; but in fact they would have offered a very unfavourable prospect, compared to the reading I actually got, which was encouraging in the extreme.

## NEWS & INFO

### Police harrassment at the 1983 Green Gathering

As is well-known by now, the Gathering at Lambert's Hill Farm was virtually besieged by the largest police operation ever seen at a Green event in this country. Large numbers of people - many of whom had never had much dealings with the police beyond asking a bobby the time - found themselves being stopped, searched, and treated in an intimidating fashion.

The official medical report on the Gathering was highly critical of the police, in particular because they confiscated many prescribed drugs from patients who had been treated on site, and who had gone off in order to fetch their medicines from the chemist. The report questions the legality of this kind of action.

In addition, members of the Collective felt themselves to be the victims of personal harrassment - such as our Treasurer, who had to run the gauntlet several times a day on his way to and from the bank - whilst the Gathering as a whole suffered through the heavy-handed policing, in terms of inevitably-lost gate money. As a result, the event only just paid its way.

The latest legal advice we have is that action on the latter complaint could only effectively be taken by a group constituted as a Limited Company or a Friendly Society; whilst this in turn implies the acceptance of a standard form of Constitution and an imposed hierarchical structure. There is no immediately obvious answer - either as to how to repair the situation from last year, nor as to how to prepare for future eventualities.

### Glastonbury CND Festival 1984

Last year's Glastonbury Festival resulted in virtually no complaints from the irate public; but following the local turbulence at the nearby Green Gathering - caused by the excessive police reaction to the presence of the 'convoy' - Mendip District Council decided to prosecute the organisers of the festival for breach of its licensing conditions.

This was the first year that local authorities have been given the power to issue licenses for festivals, under the terms of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act. The licence cost a fee of £300, and laid down 24 stringent conditions.

On January 17, Michael Eavis of Worthy Farm appeared at the local Magistrates court for allegedly breaking 3 of these conditions: that he allowed kites to be flown, that the fire lanes were not kept open at all times, and that more than the stipulated number of people (30,000) was on site.

After a whole day of legal and technical arguments, the case was thrown out. Michael was then free to apply for a new licence for this year - and if refused he could appeal to the same Magistrates court. The licence has been granted; but fire regulations have been further tightened up (there has been no serious outbreak of fire in 14 years of festivals at Worthy Farm) and the licence fee has been increased to £1200.

The Festival will take place on June 22-24.

### Alternative to Eco

Mark Kinzley, of Ilford in Essex, is seeking to promote a federation of local green groups, as an alternative to a centralised Ecology Party. As a first step, he is aiming to establish a circle of correspondents to develop the idea. Anyone interested contact: Mark Kinzley, 7 Gaysham Ave, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex IG2 6TH.

### Alternative Britain

A group called 'Alternative Britain' are arranging a big Rally and Fayre at Friends' House, Euston Road, NW1 on Saturday 28th April 1984. The purpose of the Rally is to discuss a new social order for Britain. They hope to organise spin-off meetings as a follow-up to this first meeting. The Grand Hall at Friends' House holds 1200 seated people, and with the Fayre as well the event will be able to accomodate many more.

They are spreading the catchment area as widely as possible to include Greens, Animal Lovers, Socialists, Peace Groups, Quakers, New Age groups, etc. The Rally, which will start at 1.45 pm, will include six main speakers followed by contributions from the floor.

There are wide corridors around the Grand Hall, and in these and in an extra hall, where there is a snack bar, there will be a Fayre with goods and services for sale. The Fayre will open at 11 am, and will continue until 8 pm. There will be vegetarian food available from two snack bars on the premises. The cost of entrance for the whole day will be £2; 70p for concessionaries with cards.

For further information contact: Joan Andrews, 16a Franconia Road, London SW4 9ND (01 622 5734).

### Green Collective Meetings

The November Collective meeting, held in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, was very different from meetings in the past. The Collective has always been focussed on one particular project - the forthcoming Glastonbury Gathering - but in 1984 this will not be possible, and several different projects are now under way,

These separate project groups were already beginning to hold their own meetings, and this practise has now been well established. Progress reports from the various groups appear on the following pages. But there was still a very definite call to continue meetings of the full Collective, though the pattern for these has not yet been established.

Different people moving in different directions naturally brought tensions to the surface; but these were experienced as growing pains rather than schisms. The desire to hold together, politically and emotionally, was equally as strong; and raised the possibility of a new kind of political organisation, different again from political parties, trades unions, pressure groups etc; focussed on practical projects and developing a lifestyle rather than an ideology or a popular following.

A consensus decision was taken to formally adopt the title 'The Green Collective' in place of 'The Green Gathering Collective'. This mailing came out of the need felt at that meeting (i) to distribute information more effectively, and (ii) to generate cash flow all year round.

The January meeting returned to Glastonbury, and was supposed to have tied up the many loose ends left from November. But many found it impossible to travel so far South West for such a meeting, and in fact time was taken up mostly by immediate business, particularly by the Roadshow group and the Green Field group, who were the only ones well represented.

The hope is still to develop Collective meetings as weekend mini-Gatherings, with no formal agenda - but plenty of contact to be made and ideas to be exchanged, at all levels. The frequency of meetings is yet to be decided: perhaps once or twice a year, perhaps once in each season of the year.

The next meeting has been arranged for Groundwell Farm, near Swindon; a more central location for most people at present active with the Collective. The date is the weekend of April 7th and 8th.

Groundwell Farm is at Upper Stratton, Nr Swindon, Wilts. To reach it from the M4: coming from the West, leave the Motorway at Junction 15 and take the Swindon bypass towards Cirencester; turn right onto the A345, heading towards the centre of Swindon; after  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile take a track off the main road on the right - to Groundwell Farm.

Coming from the East, leave at Junction 16 and take the A420 to the centre of Swindon; take the A345 out of town through Penhill; the track to Groundwell Farm is approximately 3 miles from the town centre, on the left.

If you need further details, contact Anne Waterhouse, Reading (0734) 478297. The space and accomodation available is generous, but not unlimited; if you are going to arrive unexpectedly, bring a tent just in case. The weekend will be self-catering; be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the food, as well as the tasks of cooking and washing up, and childcare.

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Please send details of your local Gatherings, meetings and events, for inclusion in future issues of this mailing.

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The April Collective meeting will now not take place at Groundfall Farm. Alternative arrangements will be made, and anyone wishing to find out details can ring Anne Waterhouse, Reading (0734) 473297 nearer to the date.

If anyone knows of a good venue for meetings on a regular basis, preferably somewhere in the area around Swindon/Oxford, please let us know.

## PROJECT GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS

### The Green Roadshow

Pre-planning is still at an early stage, but has come some way towards realising such an ambitious project: an integrated group of educational projects, workshops, exhibitions and back-up facilities taking the Gathering on the road for the summer. An initial leaflet is included with this mailing.

The Roadshow will form up for real after the Glastonbury Festival at the end of June, but a few possible smaller events are springing up beforehand.

A nucleus of outfits is now being established, leaflets distributed, and a provisional itinerary planned. Details in the next mailing.

Help and support is needed in the form of: organisations and green-commercial (?) groups wanting to join the Roadshow; events for the Roadshow to take part in; money. Help and advice is available to people wanting to arrange local events built around a visit from the Roadshow.

The next planning meeting is already upon us: February 25/26 at 37 Parkers Way, Totnes. For details, more information, answers to questions, leaflets to distribute etc etc contact: Richie Cotterill, 30 West Street, Ashburton, Devon. Tel: Ashburton (0364) 52932.

### The Green Field at Glastonbury

The Green Field will be a relatively quiet, clean area on the edge of this year's Glastonbury Festival. It will contain all the elements of the Green Gatherings, and should provide an ideal opportunity for the Green movement to show itself to a large and basically sympathetic public.

The Field is being organised as part of the Festival as a whole, and so far we've had two meetings with Michael Eavis to talk over preliminary details and to visit the site.

We have space for workshops on all aspects of Green politics and Green ideas. Anyone wishing to facilitate workshops please contact: Chris Walford, 2 Gransden, Parabola Road, Cheltenham, Glos. Tel: Cheltenham (0242) 520329.

We will have a limited number of stalls, representing a cross-section of Green activities. The cost will be substantially less than for stalls in the main market area. Priority will be given to stallholders who will be joining the Roadshow after the Festival. For details contact: Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. Tel: Reading (0734) 478297.

Non-profit-making stalls promoting campaigns etc are free at the Festival anyway, except for payment of the normal gate price. We can provide a limited number of free passes to people in this category, if they wish to base themselves in the Green Field and their material does belong there.

We would also like to hear from anyone who can contribute to the space in any other way too: providing exhibition material/display equipment, ideas, help with site-crew work, etc. Contact: Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts. Tel: Handley (07255) 652. Next meeting: Higher Rockes, Butleigh, Glastonbury; March 3/4.

### Green Earth Gathering

After last year's Glastonbury Gathering, the local Council decided not to allow two large events in their area in 1984. As our farmer is willing, and a political Gathering does not need a licence from the local authority, their only way of enforcing this is by putting pressure on the Glastonbury CND Festival. Not wanting to risk cutting CND off from its single largest source of financial support, the Collective agreed to look for a site elsewhere.

The problem is that, 5 months on, we still haven't found a site. Can anyone help? We're willing to consider anything. We've in principle to organise a more 'political' Gathering, and to focus on 'global thinking'; but without a site we're stuck. Please talk to local farmers, councils etc. Time is getting short.

If a site is not available, there is still a need for a Gathering of the Greens later in the year. An alternative would be to arrange an Autumn Conference of

independent green groups, many of which have appeared over the last year or so, and which are the essence of the Green movement.

Contact: David Taylor and Richard Oldfield, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. Tel: St Ives (0480) 63054.

### Green Resources Group

The Resources Group has been set up to act as an information bank, to expand the 'Sunflowers' trading operation, and to explore the possibilities of setting up a Land Trust to purchase Gathering sites, Peace Camp sites, property for Green Centres, etc. Other ideas yet to be developed include establishing an Educational Charity to fund research and to promote Green ideas, and setting up a specialist fund-raising unit to raise funds to help with all the other projects.

Details of resources already available in the form of information are listed on the last two pages of this mailing. The rest of this work is bound to be long-term. So far:

Sunflowers Merchandise. The Collective already has a small stock of goods: T-shirts, badges, stickers, envelope re-use labels and leaflets. We hope to expand this range and promote the sunflower as the symbol of the Greens.

A trading list is included in this mailing. Please order some stock at the discount rate, and see if you can sell some in your area and make some money for your group at the same time. Order the stock from: Mo Ostler, 90 Milton Road, Cambridge. Tel Cambridge (0223) 316189.

Land Trust. We're preparing plans for a new Trust that can receive financial donations, land and property. At present, the difficulties in gaining access to land and property make it difficult for the Green movement to grow.

The potential for such a Trust - a sort of alternative National Trust - is obviously enormous, but it will need a considerable amount of work to get going. The overwhelming response from people wanting to join FoE's scheme for dividing up a plot of land on Otmoor, in the path of a proposed Motorway route, is a pointer to one way in which this could be achieved.

We are presently seeking advice from a solicitor, and a report on possible options will be presented at the April Collective meeting. Contact: David Taylor, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. Tel: St Ives (0480) 63054.

### A message from the Green Roadshow ...

The Greens are a varied and diverse group given cohesion by an implicit understanding of our common aim, which enables us to trust the different perspectives which are brought to it. A special consensus; a vision of Peace and Harmony which through sharing gives strength and support to the movement - in motion - building momentum.

This momentum is taking a group of people, who have worked together in past Green Gatherings, out around the country to try and help people find their own strength and direction in these changing times. A group of visionaries, seeing Green, seeing Peace as a viable, essential and urgent option - the only choice if we are turn the rushing tide of greed and ignorance from pushing us towards the destruction of ourselves and our planet.

We will offer positive advice and experience, share techniques and skills which enable us to see more clearly and give us the strength to effect the changes necessary in our lives. Finding ways in which we can co-operate with each other to overcome the immediate (local) difficulties which impair our abilities to work for changes on a wider scale. We must put our own lives in order before we can truly hope to effect the changes necessary for International Peace.

It now seems clear that we cannot rely on outside funding for the Roadshow as a whole, but must gain support for the diverse elements within it. Each facet of our corporate approach to Green issues should be responsible for its own funding and equipment and should try to be self-sufficient. We can then bring these elements together to share and co-operate in projecting a united front. With committed pre-planning and rapport, we can create a dynamic group with a purposeful tour. Education for Peace with Peace.

Self-reliance, Dialogue, Co-operation, Participation... Any Questions ?

## THE HISTORY AND ETHOS OF THE GATHERINGS

### The Ecology Party Summer Gatherings

At the Ecology Party Spring Policy Conference of 1980, it was proposed that a Summer Gathering should be organised to discuss policy. This idea was defeated in a card vote, but the proposers of the motion decided to proceed with it anyway. The Gathering was advertised mainly through the Ecology Party, and was projected as an Ecology Party event, although without the official backing of the party.

The first Gathering attracted around 500 people; and right from the start they were a fairly mixed collection. On the one hand many were Ecology Party people who had come expecting to debate policy; on the other, many ordinary festival goers came - (the venue was Worthy Farm, already the site for several Glastonbury midsummer festivals) - without perhaps fully appreciating the nature of the event.

At this first Gathering, we arranged a series of electric bands who played in a barn nearby. Roy Harper was there, and Inner City Unit with Nik Turner.

At the second Gathering, we decided to go acoustic, but it was mainly advertised again through the Ecology Party. Around 1500 attended this time. Again it was six days at the end of July. It was at the end of this Gathering that we decided, unanimously, to become a Green Gathering and to invite people from all parts of the movement.

### The Glastonbury Green Gatherings

1982 was, therefore, the first actual Green Gathering, and it felt very much like a birth. We adopted the sunflower design and invited groups from all over the country. For the first time we began to feel like a movement. Around 5000 people attended this Gathering, which was a first in many respects.

Green CND had been born at the '81 Gathering, but 1982 was the first year in which we saw a large involvement of feminists, with Women For Life On Earth organising a women's only marquee and workshops.

It was in 1983 that we first agreed on one overall theme for the whole Gathering. It was to be a child-centred Gathering, and we tried to plan the entertainments and workshops accordingly.

This was the notorious 'green bug' Gathering, when many went down with different kinds of tummy bug; and the police, for the first time, mounted a large-scale operation at the Gathering. Attracted by the presence of the 'convoy', the police mounted their first large-scale action against the Greens in Britain, thousands of people having their personal details recorded as a result.

1983 was also the first year in operation of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (the 'Festivals Act'), by which the Council can impose stringent licensing conditions on the organisers of festivals. The Gatherings do not come within the legal definition of a festival; but the much larger Glastonbury CND Festival does - and the enormous police presence (which may in itself have been illegal), helped to cause problems for the Worthy Farm event with the licensing authority.

The 1983 Gathering had already moved away from Worthy Farm to a site at Lambert's Hill, nearer to Shepton Mallett; but a section of local opinion apparently still saw the two events as very much linked, and farmer Michael Eavis has asked us not to put on a Glastonbury Green Gathering in 1984. He has, however, put aside space for a 'Green Field' within the 1984 festival, and the link with Glastonbury will continue.

### The Spiritual Throb !

We have always been a Glastonbury collective. From the start we wanted to link in with the Glastonbury legends and help awaken the Spirit of Avalon. I don't believe

that anyone could label the spirit that flows through the Gatherings and the Collective, but it's very strong.

According to legend, the green dragon is asleep under the Tor at Glastonbury. Patriarchal legend interprets this as King Arthur and his knights. But the dragon is also symbolic of feminine and earth energy; Glastonbury has long been associated with the Earth Mother. What better place for a Gathering of feminists and ecologists ?

The Avalon spirit lies sleeping, the Grail is lost, the maze is undiscovered. At the Green Gathering, the dragon dances, the Grail is found, and the maze is followed. On many levels the Spirit of the Earth Mother is being awoken.

We were very fortunate in finding Michael Eavis, a farmer near Glastonbury, who was very happy for us to use his land for the Gathering. We have now been near Glastonbury for four years.

It was at the second Gathering that some Greens from West Germany gave us a beautiful jug, inscribed 'May the pure light within you guide you all the way on'. For us it was the Grail. We take it with us to Collective meetings and to the Gathering; it carries the spirit of the Gathering with it.

Many spiritual groups attend the Gathering, bringing with them many traditions - North American Indian, Christian, Buddhist, Pagan etc. At the 1983 Gathering we carved a totem pole in the middle of the largest teepee circle ever seen outside North America.

Each year, many people enjoy the sweat lodge. Last year saw the first women-only sweat lodge. Prana brought with them many beautiful chants; Rosie James organised sacred dance; and the Matriarchy network and Pagans against Nukes organised their own rituals.

We all feel the Gatherings have generated a very special energy, an Avalon energy which we are now taking to all parts of the world. It was the 1982 Gathering, though, that had the most magical quality. It was the first Green Gathering.

DAVID TAYLOR

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The article above was one of several items originally written for inclusion in the Green Gathering Advice Pack, but omitted through lack of space. This piece, intended as an introduction, seemed particularly appropriate for the first issue of the mailing; the others cover more specialised subject matter, and will follow in later issues.

Details of the Advice Pack appear on the back page of this mailing. Material in hand includes an item on Alternative/Appropriate Technology presentation at Gatherings, and another on stencil duplicating. We hope to extend this list - so that each mailing will carry, in effect, an appendix to the Advice Pack.

Also in hand is an item on the thinking behind the childcentred nature of the 1983 Gathering; and we hope also to extend this to a series of articles developing ideas and themes for the Gatherings. For the present mailing, which is being produced whilst the Collective itself is in the midst of re-shaping and re-defining itself, we include Mike Bell's 'Designing the Future', which follows.

In future issues we would also like to include feedback, in the form of letters and other contributions from subscribers. So please start them coming in ...

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DESIGNING THE FUTURE  
Methods appropriate for change  
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With the deepening ecological crisis, and with notable but limited success in its side, 1984 must be a year for the Green movement to stand back and reflect on appropriate methods for the second half of the eighties. Methods applicable three to five years ago may not produce the same effect tomorrow, the Tao has moved on, the collective subconscious experiences the altered reality from an altered perspective.

We can identify the need for action on three fronts - not separate but interconnected fronts - change must take place on all three for the overall movement to be forward. Action on any one front must neither inhibit movement on other fronts, nor inhibit general progress in the future.

The three areas are (1) PERSONAL CHANGE including personal growth and changed lifestyle (2) SPREADING THE WORD - getting the green idea across to other people (3) POLITICAL CHANGE - persuading governments to implement policies which ease or promote the personal changes we want.

Every Greenie must assess whether the action they are taking, either alone or as part of a group, aids the whole. There are no universal rules - what is appropriate for one time and place may not be appropriate elsewhere or later.

As an aid to making this assessment, and perhaps to help clarify further thinking, here are some questions I offer for personal and public debate.

Does the existence of the Ecology Party aid or hinder political change? Are politicians opposed to Green ideas, or just ignorant of them? Would political action be speeded if the Ecology Party were to divide, and regroup as independent local Green Groups, proposing policies to existing political parties? Do large Gatherings help the movement? Do more and bigger Gatherings create political leverage or political opposition? Is a large group not centralised and hierarchical? Does the perceived threat of such a large group of people force the authorities to act to stop it? Does this create barriers which may take a decade to heal?

What is the rôle of the convoy? Are the convoy "doing it" while others simply talk about it? Are they proposing that a Green lifestyle consists of travelling round the countryside? Are the police deliberately maintaining the convoy to prevent the expansion of festivals? Does the fact that the authorities use the excuse of the convoy to clampdown mean that the link between the convoy and the Green movement is counterproductive?

What is green about the drug trade? Are drugs necessary for enlightenment? Does a green future contain police, health authorities, defence?

For me the answers to these questions show up several glaring omissions in the broad spectrum of Green activity.

(1) INFORMATION too much is negative and single-issue (anti-nuclear, non-violent, anti-sexist, etc.); where can we read a down-to-earth and positive holistic set of proposals for a Green future (don't say the Eco manifesto - that adds up to a PSBR of £100 billion) ?

(2) INDEPENDANT GREEN GROUPS these could be far more effective than the Ecology Party for getting the message across, influencing all parties, making press releases, and putting on local Gatherings.

(3) POSITIVE DIRECT COMMUNICATION starting a personal dialogue with your local politicians, giving them information, encouraging them, and not giving up if they don't agree.

They also show up one glaring error which pervades the movement - the assumption that if some action has been successful in the past, that more of the same will be more effective in the future. This not only denies the simple ecological principle of negative feedback, but also rejects the advice of the Book of Change. As the rising culture begins to take over, as the Green movement moves from Freaksville to Straightsville, we must stop shouting about what we don't want, and start talking quietly and intelligently about what we do want to the people in a position to help or hinder.

## REVIEWS

### Heart Land - The Highwood Hill Community.

This is a book put together by and about people working collectively on a farm in Shropshire. Not a John Seymour-style glossy production, but honest and down to earth; the story of their first year going 'back to the land', their experiences, problems they came up against, and how they are tackling them.

Perhaps the enthusiastic glow could do with being chipped round the edges with a little more practical disillusionment, but worthwhile reading and full of useful information if you're thinking of embarking on a similar project yourself. The book is put together in much the same way as their farming, in a homespun style with contributions from everyone - including the children. It runs to 80 large pages, well broken up with photographs, sketches and cartoons.

"Returning to the land on a significant scale is essential if man is to live again a normal existence. Living close to the land is one of the conditions necessary for the establishment of a normal existence ... One aim of the book is to encourage people who 'feel' strongly about doing something similar, to pursue it. This is the first of a series of three books covering the first three years of the work of becoming self-supporting".

Price: 1-5 copies £3.50 each including postage and packing; 6 and over £3.25. Retail price on cover £4.75. Cash with order, from: Highwood Hill, Rushbury, Church Street, Salop.

### Embrace the Earth - A Green view of Peace - Green CND, ed Jonathon Porritt.

Reading this pamphlet brings a feeling of 'At last; a CND pamphlet which doesn't just talk about mega-deaths and nightmares, not the technical facts and figures behind them, but which actually starts considering how to build a creative, human, feeling, peaceful world.

Then, a slight shock at the realisation that we wrote it: including at least four members of the Collective who are amongst those quoted or acknowledged as providing ideas and inspiration. 'Oh yes, that's what all those chopped and scribbled-on manuscripts were, to-ing and fro-ing in the post for months (years) after the idea was begun at the 1981 Gathering'. And here it is!

It was worth waiting for. Jonathon Porritt has done an excellent job of re-writing the whole jumble and producing a text which is clear and easily digestible. It makes sense. "The only answer to this crisis is ... to build a new world from the grassroots, geared to peace, freedom, justice, and the satisfaction of human needs".

It is necessarily brief; an outline. Each 6-page chapter ("Unilateralism - the first step towards Peace", "The roots of conflict", etc) could take up a book and a half on its own. But it's all here in essence, and doesn't flinch from (gently) pointing out some shortcomings of its sponsor, CND, with its hierarchy, and its fixation with The Issue to the exclusion of developing a real analysis of the causes. I think this short tract will appeal readily to many in the Peace Movement, in local peace groups, who have never considered themselves to be 'green'.

Richard Hunt's artwork, most of which first appeared in 'Greenline' magazine, is here used as intriguingly random decorations, more than as illustrations of the text. The effect is both interesting and peaceful.

The pamphlet's central point, that "the green movement and the peace movement are inseparable" is well argued - and who amongst us would disagree anyway? It's just good to see it written down, in an official CND publication, and to know that all the effort and anguish which went into it has produced a fine finished product.

"Nuclear weapons are a symptom rather than a cause of the disease which grips our society ... We believe that the future quite literally depends upon bringing the two together: peace through ecology ... To understand the overwhelming importance of this connection is to undermine many of the comfortable illusions of conventional politics today. That's what Green CND is all about".

Available from CND Publications Ltd; or from Jenny Carpenter, 14 Alexandra Road, Oxford, @ £1 including postage and packing.

# DRAFT GREEN COLLECTIVE CONSTITUTION

## Definitions

1. 'Green' is a colour between yellow and blue in the spectrum.
2. 'Collective' means we're all in it together.
3. This Constitution is offered as the work of a poet.

## Aims

4. The aims of the Green Collective are: inter-related, articulated, and of a purposeful nature.
5. The ultimate and the underlying aim is the realisation of vision.
6. The immediate aim is to get through tomorrow ... and in such a way as to become wiser and stronger than today.
7. The intermediate aims lie midway between these two, in a state of dynamic tension, and can therefore be given form.
8. The achievement of aims is a creative reaction between consciousness and the otherwise random distribution of matter and energy: making the best of opportunities.

## Structure

9. The structure of the Green Collective is: Green, Collective, and diffuse.
10. The formal structure consists of people sufficiently interested to pay out money to subscribe to the Collective, its ideas, energies, and mailings, and who may focus together on Collective meetings and projects (as agreed and noted down in the appropriate minutes and suchlike documents).
11. The informal structure consists of people forming bonds of mutual interest, friendship, unified creative energy, and love.
12. The Green Collective is only functioning when its structure is dynamic.
13. The forming of structure is the creative application of consciousness to that which already has an acknowledged existence, but no function: the first step is giving it a name.

## Organisation

14. The organisation of the Green Collective is: organic.
15. The formal organisation consists of meetings of the full Collective, which may be regular or irregular as decided by those at the meetings themselves, and of Collective members at any other time, gathering for the purpose of planning or taking part in projects, or for the simple purpose of meeting to share each others' company.
16. Functions within the Collective are carried out by whomsoever should be deemed appropriate, at the appropriate time, and for the appropriate length of time, as agreed by Collective members holding an interest.
17. The real organisation is the members' collective responsibility to sort out any misunderstandings which may arise, concerning (inter alia) personal relationships, money, and individuals' commitment to the realisation of particular visions.
18. Organisation is the creative application of consciousness to that which has some function, in the process of its integration with the rest of existence: growth.

## Rule

19. Members of the Green Collective have the right to delete, prune, alter, add to, or edit, any part or parts of their own copy of the Constitution, on payment of the subscription fee.

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## GREEN COLLECTIVE INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Well over 100 sheets of contact addresses for organisations and individuals involved in different aspects of the green/peace/alternative movement ... These lists are available to anyone involved in non-party-political campaigning, research, self-help etc.

To obtain them, please send 10p per sheet required, to cover photocopying and other office expenses, plus a stamped addressed envelope (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ p) if you need only 10 sheets or less. For large orders (over 20 sheets) pay two-thirds the price.

Please make cheques/Postal Orders payable to 'The Green Collective' and send to: 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. Telephone enquiries are also welcome: St Ives (0480) 63054.

### Contact addresses available

Green Political Groups (3 sheets); Student Green Groups (1); Independent Green Groups (1); East Anglian Greens (1); Friends of the Earth local group co-ordinators list (10); Small Green Network (1).

Third World/International/ Human Rights (2); War On Want local groups (1); American Indian Information Sheet (books, publications, groups) (2); National Development Education Centres (1); Traidcraft local groups (1).

Peace and opposition to nuclear weapons (4); West Region CND local groups (4); East Anglian CND contacts (4); Fast For Life local contacts (1); Women For Life One Earth contacts (1); Women For Life On Earth Star Marches '83 (2); Nonviolence Training and Action (1); NVDA network list (4); CND NVDA trainers (3); Peace Camp list (1).

Communications/Bookshops/Networking/Libraries (2); Community Papers (2); National Green/Alternative Journals (1); Pagan Magazines (2); Pirate Radio Stations (1); Federation of Radical Booksellers (3); Book Distributors (5).

Ecology/Environment/Conservation/Agriculture (4); WWOOF lists (10); Housing (1); Economics and Land Economics (1); Community Action/Citizen's Initiative/Practical Resource Bank (2).

Opposition to Nuclear Energy (2); Animal Rights (2); Animal Aid local contacts (2); Alternative Technology (2); Alternative Healing (2); Direct Democracy/Decentralisation (1); Blacks/Multicultural (1); Publications/Shops/Communities (10); Communes/Communities etc (2).

Personal Growth (1); Green Spirituality (1); Women's Movement/Feminist Networks (2); Education (2); Men's Anti-Sexism (1); Men's Anti-Sexism pamphlets (1); Children (1); Entertainers (5); Miscellaneous (Gay Rights, Legalise Cannabis, etc) (1).

Government Organisations dealing with environmental issues (1); Health and Safety publications, articles, and contacts (4).

\* We cannot possibly guarantee that these lists are comprehensive, or that they are necessarily up to date. If anyone can help us with more, and fresh, contacts in any sphere of green activity, we would be pleased to hear from them.

## GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK

The Advice Pack has been prepared by members of the Green Collective, and is based on their experience in organising the Glastonbury Green Gatherings. It is intended as an information resource and, through its availability, as an encouragement to other groups who may be planning similar events.

The material covers all aspects of putting on a Gathering, and is arranged in sections covering: Working as a Collective; Finance and Budgeting; Press and Publicity; Police and Local Authorities; Site Arrangements and Site Management; Site Kitchen; Gate; Health and Welfare; Information; Workshops; Entertainments; Kidz; Stalls; Site Services and Facilities.

The sections are printed on different coloured paper for easy reference, and are designed so that they can be divided up between the different members of an organising group.

The cost is £4 (including postage, and packing in a neat cardboard folder), or @ £2.50 each for bulk orders. Collective Subscribers may purchase single copies at the bulk order price. Please make cheques/Postal Orders out to 'The Green Collective' and send to: Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts, or: Chris Walford, 2 Gransden, Parabola Road, Cheltenham, Glos.

### 'SUNFLOWERS' (Green Collective Trading): Stock List.

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#### Sunflower Goods

T-shirts, 'The Greens Are Gathering' and sunflower motif, printed yellow on green cotton - £3.50 each, or £2.75 in bulk for resale. Please state small, medium, or large.

Envelope re-sealers, 'The Greens Are Gathering' (green, gold and black) - £2 per pack of 100, £1.85 per pack for 5 packs or more.

1½" badges, 'The Greens Are Gathering', 'Friends of the Earth' - 25p each or 15p each for orders of 10 or more.

1½" peel-off stickers, 'The Greens Are Gathering' - 50p for a sheet of 20, or 40p per sheet for 10 sheets or more.

4¼" peel-off stickers, 'The Greens Are Gathering', 'Animal Liberation', 'Women's Liberation' - all 30p each or 15p each for orders of 10 or more.

♠5 leaflets, 'The Greens Are Gathering' - £1.50 per hundred.

#### Other Items

Green star reflector badges (metallic, ¾" diameter) - 50p each, or 40p each for orders of 5 or more.

'Daughters of Creation' by Manitonquat (story leaflet) - 5p each.

THE GREEN PACK: includes car sticker, sample Green Line magazine, leaflets, articles, stickers, badge etc - £1.20.

Please include 15% with all orders to cover postage and packing.

Make cheques payable to 'Sunflowers', and send to: 'SUNFLOWERS', c/o Mo Ostler, 90 Milton Road, Cambridge (Tel: 0223 316189).

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