

## *What seems possible now? Analysis from Kirsten Anker*

The comments from the closing stages of the meeting can be divided into philosophies – which could form the basis of strategic goals - and strategies as follows:

<u>Philosophies</u>	<u>Strategies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We want to create a process to facilitate the development of policies between parties of all points of view, in order to move forward rapidly on the vital issue of Climate Change.</li><li>• We begin our work with women's voices, which are often not heard on important issues. We trust women's leadership in its focus on the nurture of life.</li><li>• We will seek out connections between fields of knowledge and to break down silos.</li><li>• Connections between people are essential to build the depth and breadth of this movement.</li><li>• We want to find a face-saving way for government to change direction. This involves the key notion of No Blame.</li><li>• We want to educate ourselves to discover more about the issues and to identify the most effective places to intervene and how to do so.</li><li>• We become what we study, so we will study peace.</li><li>• Art and metaphor are important devices for communicating our themes.</li><li>• Our objective is to change policy, and also to bring the language of love and nurture of life into the discussion.</li><li>• The bees provide us with a valuable model of interconnection - between individuals, within groups and with our natural environment.</li><li>• As Elders, we have an important role to engage and empower others, including younger people, in these issues.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• establish a governance structure;</li><li>• prepare a manifesto;</li><li>• create a name, logo etc.</li><li>• create smaller working groups</li><li>• share and develop Janet's paper;</li><li>• start with small tasks;</li><li>• write letters to politicians – consider approaching female independents Starkey, Stegall, Hains;</li><li>• keep an optimistic tone;</li><li>• seek out and connect with like minds, including young people;</li><li>• educate ourselves about the problem and its complexities;</li><li>• demand media attention;</li><li>• create positive stories around politicians and engage them in that narrative;</li><li>• seek out collaborators and others working in the field</li><li>• use the coffee club model to have conversations with friends etc.</li></ul>

What do you think?

If you think these are useful, then the first column could be the basis of a larger flow chart of strategic **goals - although there are ways to connect some of them so that there are fewer key goals. I'm happy to think about that if you want to go in that direction. Also, if we're going to use these, please add to and correct them as needs be!**

**I can understand if you'd prefer to continue with the versions you've been working on.**

**4. I have a problem with Facebook, even if it's only a private group. Given the information that keeps coming out about trawling of information and general misconduct of the organisation, I think it would be good if we can find an alternative. Have you thought about creating a Wiki? I'm afraid I know very little about them. I've once uploaded information onto a site and my son had one in Middle School, so if I pick his brains, it may turn out to be quite easy.**