

Principle FIVE

P5

August 2019

<https://www.principle5.coop/>

steve@sheffield.coop

Tel: 0114 282 3132

The Principle 5 Team

Jonathan Cook - Chair

Rosemary Telfer - Librarian

Steve Thompson – Membership Secretary

Dennis Chambers – Sustainability

Chris Olewicz – Publications

Steve Wagstaff – Co-opMaps Development

To book a visit to the Library, e.mail:

steve@sheffield.coop

*

A climate emergency has been declared: now is the time to respond to it

The summer 2019 publication from 'Stir To Action' might be a good starting point. It's sub-titled "A Playground for the New Economy" <https://www.stirtoaction.com/>

The main highlights for me seem to be:

Paul Chatterton, an activist scholar who visited Sheffield recently to talk at Red Haus cafe (which, incidentally, is in the process of re-creating itself as a co-operative). His ideas for "Unlocking Sustainable Cities: a manifesto for the climate emergency" are spot-on and based on a megabrain grasp of the issues. [Disclaimer: he was my course leader at university]. He delivers his talks at high speed with highly relevant visual aids, so it's worth reading what he's working on now. He's covering a way forward now that a climate emergency (both Nationally and by many local authorities) has been declared. Building

coalitions and multi-sector city-wide partnerships is already happening, so is grassroots co-operation with millions of people included.

Unlocking Sustainable Cities: a manifesto for the climate emergency – Paul Chatterton

“Declaring a climate emergency at a city level is an important initial step in responding to current events. It sets a tone and sense of purpose. Its needs to be owned by a cross-party coalition and multi-sector city partnerships. But the hard work starts after this.”

from the Stir to Action website

Also relevant to Sheffield is an article about Community Markets. The idea of community markets has been twisted by 'gentrification' and many negative effects, ultimately investors extract more profit, according to Corporate Watch. Their social and community value is at risk, explained in an article by Dr Myfanwy Taylor, Dr Sara Gonzalez, and Frances Northrop. Certainly we have in the city several farmers' markets and community markets of different kinds. They are a mixed picture, but if this trend is coming, then we need to know about it. Any fightback

against commercialisation gets our support, surely. <https://www.stirtoaction.com/article/building-community-markets>

In another important area, mental health and wellbeing, Sally Zlotowitz and Jenni Lloyd criticise the mainstream focus on individual 'solutions' to problems like having an impossibly demanding workload, in lives (and society) at risk of collapse.

<https://www.stirtoaction.com/article/mental-health-beyond-individual>

All of the above sound like interesting and relevant discussions. If anyone else in Yorkshire area and beyond wants to keep in touch on such ongoing and important areas of social and economic change, please do so, via Principle 5.

Jonathan Cook

NOTE: Stir Magazine is always available in the Principle 5 library, and there is also a copy of Paul Chatterton's book 'Unlocking Sustainable Cities'

<http://www.unlockingsustainablecities.org/home.html>

The Employee Ownership Association and Co-operatives UK are calling on the Westminster Government to set an ambition for a fivefold increase in employee and worker ownership by the end of the next decade.

<https://www.uk.coop/1millionowners/pledge>

*

Book Reviews

This is a request for members to consider writing book reviews for our website 'books' page:

<https://www.principle5.coop/books>

Many of the books already have reviews. If anyone could help to fill in the gaps, that would be wonderful. It can be very short or more detailed, it's up to you. Please send to:

steve@sheffield.coop

Many thanks in anticipation.

Steve Thompson

*

Co-operative Showcase at Aizlewood's Mill

This year Principle 5 is participating in Heritage Open Days. Here are two dates for your diary:

Thursday 19 September: 1000-1600

Friday 20 September: 1000-1600

For more information:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/co-operative-showcase>

*

Mayor launches Sheffield City Region Co-Operative Advisory Panel

<https://sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/mayor-launches-sheffield-city-region-co-operative-advisory-panel/>

*

What is Co-opMaps?

Co-opMaps is a standard for diagrams describing co-operative movement structures, and a program to produce the diagrams. For further information see:

<https://www.principle5.coop/co-opmaps>

*



Principle 5 Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre
Aizlewood's Mill, Nursery Street, Sheffield, S3 8GG
Tel: 0114 282 3132
<https://www.principle5.coop/>

