

EARTHCARE CONCERNS GROUP MAY 2017

The Earthcare Concerns Group became an interest group in 2012. Since then we have sought to support each other on earthcare issues, and also to explore ways in which Fresh Pond meeting could corporately be engaged in response to climate change and other environmental challenges.

We have, among other things, sponsored some Third Sunday discussions for the whole meeting. These have included visits from Quaker and fossil-fuel protestor Jay O'Hara, and from some members of Mount Toby meeting travelling under a concern about a voluntary carbon tax. We helped organize the meeting's retreat in 2014 which had a major focus on earthcare issues.

Acts of witness to the wider world which we have helped promote include: a workshop in 2015 on The Work That Reconnects that was open to Quakers throughout New England (see also www.theworkthatreconnects.org); participation in demonstrations focusing on climate, jobs and social justice; signing letters to state legislators calling for a tax on carbon; and finally, approval of the Eco-Justice minute.

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