

Climate Change on Trial



Monday 14th Jan 9:30 am Nottingham Bridewell Magistrates Court

The eleven climate change activists who shut down Ratcliffe-on Soar power station on April 10th 2007 are on trial, Monday 14th Jan at Nottingham Bridewell Magistrates Court. They have pleaded not guilty to charges of aggravated trespass arguing that it was necessary to take such action in order to prevent the imminent threat that climate change poses to the human population. They are arguing that the threat of climate change on human life is so imminent & serious that it is a proportionate and reasonable response to commit aggravated trespass to try to reduce carbon emissions from England's 2nd largest CO2 emitter, Ratcliffe on Soar power station.

On April 10th 11 activists walked into Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station and locked onto coal machinery & conveyor belts in order to prevent the power plant from working. They prevented the plant from re-charging after the Easter break for 5 hours. They were cut free by police and arrested for aggravated trespass.

This is the first time that the defence of necessity in relation to climate change has been used in a court of law. The defendants will call an expert witness; Dr. Simon Lewis, ROYAL SOCIETY RESEARCH FELLOW, to prove to the court the scale and imminence of the threat that climate change poses.

There will be a supporters demonstration outside the court from 9:30. Please come along and give your support to the fight against Climate Change.