

No more land for coal

Struggle for energy sovereignty and climate justice

There is still destructive exploitation of nature in the Lausitz region through coal mining. During past 80 years 186 villages partly or completely disappeared from maps, 30,000 people lost their homes. Coal mining destroyed valuable ground, woods and water balance in the Lausitz region on an area as big as the Saarland.

Valuable cultural heritage in villages and residential areas, especially of Sorbian culture, is irretrievably lost forever.

Currently the Lausitz region faces 5 new coal mines on German and one on Polish side .

Destruction of nature and culture has to be stopped immediately.

Negative ecological, social and cultural consequences are obvious.

However, it is possible and necessary to say good bye to energy production from fossil fuels, consequently and world-wide. It is also urgent to stop depredation of resources, overproduction and overconsumption, so that we don't deprive ourselves and the following generations of their means of livelihood.

For the third time we are going to organize our climate and energy camp in the Lausitz region.

After Jänschwalde in 2011 and Cottbus in 2012 we first choose Rohne for our camp this year. After assurance was withdrawn, we will go to Proschim in Brandenburg, at border to Saxony now.

Both villages are situated at the edge of approved opencast mining and endangered by planned opencast minings. Their inhabitants will have to move, because villages will disappear. These are examples for 8 other endangered villages with more than 3000 inhabitants in Brandenburg and Saxony.

Saxony and Brandenburg focusses fossil and central production of energy,

which is aim of big companies, here in our case, Vattenfall. Vattenfall explains necessity of energy production by burning coal as supposedly "long bridge" into post fossil era. It is a fact, that coal supply of the approved open cast minings is enough to run existing power stations to their expiration date, partly longer than 2040.

Energy change is undermined on part of politics,

the law about renewable sources of energy is channeled. Huge fossil power stations clog electrical network. Use of questionable technologies like CCS and fracking is still kept open. Media suggests, that rising energy costs are due to new wind and solar power stations and central network extension. Fortunately there is a growing movement from basis, structures of a democratic energy production and distribution are growing. They urgently need safety in the range of politics, especially a renewable energy law which really deserves this name.

Energy companies use fear of losing jobs to protect their privileges.

Reduction of jobs in fossil energy production is played down, even covered up. Inflexible clinging to lignite endangers future of the region. We prompt politicians to set up general conditions for a structural change together with citizens. Brandenburg for example is still front runner in alternative energy production, urgently needing decentralized networks and depending qualified energy workers.

Proschim and the Lausitz region are a symbol for world-wide overexploitation of nature, plundering of resources and destruction of climate balance.

The Lausitzcamp aims to attract attention of public to this region. At same time we protest against the fact: that world-wide people lose their substantive livelihood, that their health is gained by fossil fuels and other natural resources for profit, especially in countries of southern hemisphere. We endeavor for climate justice and energy sovereignty.

Our Camp is..

..a **meeting place**. A place for networks and exchange of knowledge. A place for artistic, cultural and practical dispute with our topics energy, environment, climate, resources, growth and the social, ethical and technical challenges combined with it.

..a **place for discussion** and opposition against energy policy and its genuflection to companies.

..a **field for experiments** of solidary, sustainable living and respectful coexistence - a field for testing alternative ways of life.

..starting point of the “Reclaim Power Tour”, a bike caravan all across Germany that ends in the lignite area in Rhineland.

Join us from 13th to 21st July 2013 when we say in Proschim:

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For climate justice and energy sovereignty!

We support demands of international network “Climate Justice Now”

What does climate justice mean?

1. Leave fossil fuels in the ground.
2. Return supervision of natural resources to people and society and respect the rights of the native people.
3. For a local and sustainable agriculture, for food sovereignty.
4. Confess ecological debt to people of the south and pay for compensation.
5. Don't use wrong, market based solutions but change our way of life and production.

What is energy sovereignty about?

It means to make sure, that everyone has access to sufficient energy. Precise political decisions concerning energy supply are made commonly and without profit interests. Energy resources are under supervision of communities that make use of them. This inevitably means to question power and property of energy companies.

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