**Reports for Green Sanctuary Meeting – February 19, 2023**

Citizens Climate Lobby.

Our next chapter meeting is February 20 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Members from the Youngstown chapter will be joining us. We’ll be strategizing our February 23 meeting with Congressman Bill Johnson’s Legislative Director, Sam Hattrup, and how to deal with Johnson in light of his assignment as chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy, Manufacturing,and Critical Minerals.

ReImagine Appalachia.

On January 24 Natalia Rudiak, who serves as the liaison for ReImagine Appalachia with local government, and I met via Zoom with Jesse Roush, Executive Director of the Southeast Ohio Port Authority to discuss economic development (in the context of building the region around renewable energy). Although he has a background in the oil & gas business, he was receptive to ideas about repurposing two coal-fired power plants in the region for uses other than fossil-fuel industries.

On January 31 Natalia and I met via Zoom with Sam Miller and her colleague, Chasity Schmelzenbach of Buckeye Hills Regional Council. Ms. Miller is responsible for economic development at that agency. Buckeye Hills is interested in job training for new positions in the changing economy and building economic resilience in the region. Both of these directors (SEOPO and Buckeye Hills) asked to be put on Natalia’s mail list for future contact and discussion.

On February 9 I attended a webinar sponsored by RA, entitled, “Building a Community-Based Ecosystem for Manufacturing.” Discussants from around the country talked about the importance of building a new manufacturing economy around environmental products and renewable energy which would involve union labor, collaboration, an education pipeline. A model for this approach is the Mondragon community in the Basque region of Spain, which bears some similarity to the Appalachian region of the U.S. In that area an economy based on cooperation, worker participation, manufacturing innovation, and renewable energy has been developed.

Injection Wells.

Bob Lane informed me that the lawsuit brought by the law firm Bordas and Bordas on his (other producers’) behalf has been dismissed by the judge from Perry County who was hearing this case. This decision is being appealed.

George Banziger