Squaring up to the square mile

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"The greatest evil... is conceived and ordered (moved. seconded. carried and minuted) in clean. carpeted, warmed and well-lighted offices, by quiet men with white collars and cut fingernails and smooth-shaven cheeks, who do not need to raise their voices."

- C.S. Lewis

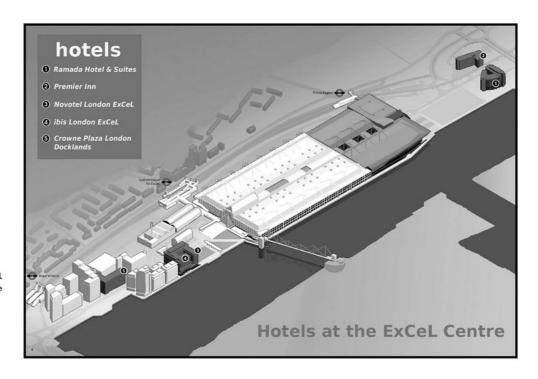
As the recession deepens, the leaders of the world's largest economies are meeting at the ExCeL Centre in east London in a desperate attempt to rescue global capitalism, stifle dissent and carry on with business as usual.

The Square Mile is the dying heart of this business, where fat cats gamble with people's livelihoods, homes, communities and the environment, while awarding themselves fat bonuses and state bailouts.

The map inside shows where it all happens - from the Stock Exchange to the Bank of England, from corporate law firms to biofuel companies, from investment bankers to carbon traders they are the real force behind the governments of the G20.

Of course, capitalism isn't confined to one square mile, the halls of the ExCeL centre. or even to Canary Wharf's deadly, buffed and sheened business district: it is global and all pervasive: "The desert cannot grow anymore: it is everywhere."

A system that wreaks destruction everywhere must be resisted everywhere. The Square Mile is the place to start!



Saturday, 28th March 2009:

- 'Put People First' march & rally for jobs, justice and climate action. Weet llam, Victoria Embankment by Temple tube station

- Wednesday, 1st April:

 Financial Fools Day and G20 Meltdown at the Bank of England. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse will lead themed processions starting at 11 am from Moorgate, Liverpool Street, Cannon Street and London Bridge. 12pm converge on the Bank of England.

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 Climate Camp in the City, at the European Climate Exchange, Hasilwood House, 62 Bishopsgate, EC2N 4AW at 12:30 exactly. "Bring a pop-up tent, Sleeping bag, wind turbine, mobile cinema, action plans and ideas."

 'Ditch Dirty Development', People & Planet at the Royal Bank of Scotland, Bishopsgate

 Fossil Fools Day "take aim at your local fossil fool and help speed up the end of the fossil fuel empire, and the beginnings of a more just and sustainable world".

Thursday 2nd April:

- Autonomous actions and blockades against and around the G2O summit, in the early morning and into the day, "We're going to bang on their hotel doors, the Excel Centre, Canning town to deliver our message of a world beyond capitalism." - Stop the War Coalition protest at the G2O, meet llam at the ExCel Centre

