

Monthly Energy Group minutes of meeting 7.30pm June 5th 2011 (8 Sydenham Avenue, L17)

1. Attendance: G. Arnold, E. Tidy, L. Turpe, J. Garrett, D. Dossor

2. of last meeting: Agreed

3. Matters arising:

- i. John visited Martin Gladwin of Wavertree Passivhaus project who will give MEG a copy of a film on this ecohouse retrofit.
- ii. **ACTION Graham will contact Francine Palant to obtain solar pv readings (fpalant@blueyonder.co.uk)**

4. Renewable Energy Projects in Merseyside

The EST has been commissioned by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service to identify community groups in Merseyside who are interested in installing renewable technology on community buildings or land. This request, which came via TANN, was discussed at length and a number of suggestions emerged;

- To work within the Greenbank area using some of the information already generated by John for the Greenerbank Project (community police suggest that TANN be extended to cover the whole of Greenbank for their purposes)
- To expand work already started on home insulation
- To propose solar panels on suitable public buildings e.g St Hildas school (Fr Cooke is Governor and may assist)MEG members are requested to think of other likely buildings Greenbank area.
- To propose a wind turbine on Wavertree Mystery (possibly on the site of the former electricity sub station, a derelict patch) and to extend this alongside the railway line.
- Community Composting schemes
- Wastepaper and cardboard collection for sale schemes

Some of these projects were considered too large for this group but it would be productive to seek advice from EST as to their viability in the longer term. We also recognised that existing MEG members are unlikely to be able to take on time and physical labour intensive work leading to a short discussion on how to increase active membership.

The Doll's House project was considered to be viable and would be useful in educating and recruiting in the local community. Funds could perhaps be sought but MEG members present agreed to donate initial contributions to a total of £150 for the work to be commissioned from the Smithdown Rd Dolls Hospital shop. **ACTION; JG to commission**

5. Lammas Eco Community Pembrokeshire

Liz and Ed gave an illustrated account of their visit to this development which uses eco building technologies, lives off grid using solar and hydro power, uses spring water and generates income from selling vegetables and willow crafts see lammas.org.uk for details.

6. Low Carbon Liverpool: discussion: this is a broad brush document showing Liverpool wellplaced for tidal projects but with a skills base not yet capable of mapping emerging green economies despite the commended developments at Community College. Government advice in the area is very good. The report focuses on 10 leading green businesses analysing the drivers (mainly cost reduction and improved corporate image) and concluding that businesses operating in this field are best placed to attract further businesses and enterprises into the green economy. Green social enterprises are commended in the report but are seen as not innovative enough in terms of new

technologies.MEG believes that such reports are encouraging but that local and national government must take a firm lead and oblige businesses to adapt to low carbon processes.

7. Ursula Sladek: a press report on the success of this German individual in setting up green energy companies which won contracts to supply the national grid. **ACTION: John will scan and circulate.**

8. AOB MOVE Magazine carries an article on solar pv installations on domestic housing- an encouraging green shoot.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m

Next meeting; Sunday July 3rd