

## Monthly Energy Group minutes of meeting 7.30pm August 7th 2011

(8 Sydenham Avenue, L17 3AX tel: 0151 733 8282)

1. Attendance: G. Arnold, E. Tidy, E. Turp, J. Garrett, D. Dossor, Geoff Cunningham

2. Apologies: M. Smith

3. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed

4. Matters arising: as on agenda

5. Dolls House: (J.G)

Mike of the Dolls Hospital on Smithdown Rd. hopes to have the 1/12 scale house finished in 3 weeks and has offered to donate his labour. Energy Group will agree a contribution to Mike's nominated charity Help for Heroes. Contributions are being sought from suppliers recommended by the group and Shaun Gallagher of Northern Solar has kindly offered £25. Other suppliers will be approached by JG, JC and DD. Funds generated will go towards the costs of showing the Dolls House at appropriate venues and it is expected that the Dolls Hospital will gain further custom from other TT groups. We agreed to remove wind turbine from the fittings since this will be irrelevant to our area.

6. Community Renewable Energy Projects

There was a discussion about the best way of financing and operating community energy projects, given the commercial ownership of many of the possible sites, and use of PFI for many public sector buildings. Local financing was discussed. DD would approach Mark Shooter of the Good Neighbour Community Energy scheme <http://www.energysshare.com/goodneighbour/> to see what progress they had made.

7. Promotion of solar pv

JG has contacted Tesco and awaits a response. Aldi is deemed unsuitable. Princes Park Mansions Management Committee have concerns about the condition of the roof and will not proceed currently. Noted that Ikea is fitting all stores with solar panels. Elizabeth expressed concern that her technical knowledge is insufficient to approach Greenbank School and seeks further information. DD and JG will supply, and GC (in an independent capacity) offered to attend any ensuing meeting with the school. The Energy Saving Trust has Case Studies of schools which have fitted Solar Photo Voltaics and Northern Solar can provide names of local schools which have ditto. E.T will contact Shaun. Elizabeth will copy her letter to the school to the group. Noted that some mortgage companies will not offer mortgages on houses which hve rented roofs for spv installations.

JG has spoken to Scottish Power the Distribution Network Operator re. what they would require to set up a community renewable project and was advised to submit a G83 or G59 form available from [www.spenergynetworks.com](http://www.spenergynetworks.com). He also enquired about progress on the Princes Park area smart grid, but was told it was all in a very early phase.

8. Skills Audit: E.T has had limited response and none from the wider group. May reissue.

We need ways to reactivate the dormant group members and widen participation. JG will include our information on TANN website and has started to publish our minutes in the events listings.

9. Energy Generation update: new PV installations in Brompton and Cumberland Avenues.

New data analyses including July data would be prepared by G.A. and follow soon.

10. Vacant land: the government is encouraging councils to release public brown site land and the meetin discussed both community eco building and guerrilla gardening. There was a discussion on the suitability of the land adjacent to Smithdown Road following demolition. We will seek maps of vand the Green Infrastructure Report may have these.

11. Ullet Road Eco Offices; work proceeds; a report on recommended ventilation and heating requirements had been commissioned. 3 vehicle charging points are planned.  
The meeting closed at 8.50

Next meeting September 4th