

Energy Group Minutes December 13th 2015

1. Present: John Garrett, Elizabeth Turp, Geoff Cunningham, Dinah Dossor.
2. Apologies:
3. Minutes of November meeting; agreed
4. Retrofit: GC. CORE Meeting attended by Geoff. Peter Bonfield is appointed by Government to review their energy policies but GC got a strong impression that policy will not be challenged. The considerable body of expertise in the meeting was not queried in detail and it seems unlikely that the Bonfield Review will take the views of the attendees on board. The unanimous view from the floor was that Government policy is inadequate.
5. Divestment Campaign; The Frack Free Liverpool Group was well represented at the Climate march on November 29th.
6. Climate Change Campaign; The 1.5% target is welcome but the mechanism for legally binding states to meet this target is unclear.
7. Community Energy Companies; JG A meeting of members was held recently. Toxteth TV and Baird House in Edge Lane Innovation Park are ongoing projects; Santander Bank needs to be consulted on Baird House and The D of E needs to give consent for TTV. The next shareholders' meeting will be March/April next year.
8. Merseyside Collective Switch: JG. <http://www.lcrenergyswitch.co.uk/> JG will request publication of the renewable/non renewable fuel mix offered by these providers.
9. Transition Cafe; next meeting Wednesday January 13th at 6.30 at the Quaker Meeting House for soup drinks and light refreshments. The Spring Programme has yet to be finalised. Professor Ken Durose has been contacted but is heavily engaged in international conferences. We're currently looking for another speaker and seek to engage with the Stephenson Institute for Renewable Energy at Liverpool University. The work of the institute also covers battery development, biofuels, catalytic CO2 reduction, et al.
10. News Items;
 - a) CORE (Centre for Refurbishment Excellence) in Stoke offers courses in Retrofit which Geoff has been attending. The centre has summarily closed due to a sudden drop in attendee applications, one of the many organisations suffering from Government anti green policies.
 - b) An Eco Community for supported living "Deep Green" xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 - c) Lammas (Pembrokeshire) sustainable community is in process of erecting a further timber framed long house.
 - d) Congratulations to the Granby Four Streets community and Assemble for winning the Turner Prize.
11. Next meeting: Sunday January 17th at 7.30 p.m at the Eco Offices 125a Ullet Road L17 2AB. Please note that this is one week later than usual.