

Energy Group Minutes May 10th 2015

1. Present John Garrett, Geoff Cunningham, Dinah Dossor
2. Apologies; Elizabeth Turp, Graham Arnold, Zoe Glacken
3. Notes of last meeting agreed.
4. Regeneration, Housing and Sustainability Select Committee; GC.
Nothing to report.
5. Mayoral Commission on Environmental Sustainability JG
No further developments.
6. Community Energy Companies; JG;
Approximately £62K has been received from the pioneer share offering plus grants. Northern Solar is working on quotations for some local buildings. Energy Group proposes that Volunteer Project Management assistants will work with solar installers on specific installations.
7. Transition Cafe: DD Wednesday May 13th at 6.30 at the Quaker Meeting House, School Lane. The theme for May and June will be Recycling (May) and Making and Mending (June). May's Really Really Free Market invites people to bring unwanted goods, clothes, books and so on and help themselves to other peoples' unwanted goods. We will also offer a space for individuals and groups involved in recycling and upcycling a space for advertising their activities.
8. Eco Office. JG Office space is still being filled. Natalie Bennett, accompanied by Martin Dobson and other Green Party members, visited on April 26th during a trip to Liverpool.
9. Economics of Retrofit; GC Geoff has an Intern, Graham Moore, a Postgraduate student at Liverpool University, who will do a cost benefit analysis on full retrofit on domestic property. Figures on partial retrofit would be complicated to measure accurately partly since there is no assessment for draught proofing in EPC assessments. Joseph Kirton, who did similar research in Eire, has agreed to discuss this research field with Geoff.
10. News Items:
 - a) The Community Activism team at FOE is working on the "Climate Hubs" project, aiming to support five areas to build a local climate movement. Proposal for Energy Group to get in touch with FOE to inform them of our existing activities. DD.
 - b) Merseyside's Collective Switch has been subcontracted to a company Energy Project Plus. JG will contact the company to suggest one of the sustainable fuel companies as an alternative. "Which Magazine" has surveyed an UK energy companies and Ecotricity and Good Energy come first and second on all quality standards including cost.

Next Meeting: 21st June 7.30 at Ullet Road Eco Offices; 125A Ullet Road, L17 2AB