

Energy Group Minutes of Meeting November 11th 2014 7.30 pm Ullet Road Offices

1. Attendance: John Garrett, Geoff Cunningham, Dinah Dossor, Elizabeth Turp
2. Minutes of last meeting: approved
3. Regeneration Select Committee; JG
 - i. Proposal to de-designate Gresford, Rossett and Hawarden streets from the Avenues Conservation Area because of the 80% proportion of modern casement windows in these streets. Local residents will be consulted by TANN and the LCC and the RSC meets again in two weeks. This will only reduce the proportion of non traditional windows marginally, from 55% to 48%. Energy Group still takes the view that replacement casements offer affordable, energy efficient alternatives, though we recognize that the traditional style of sash window is highly valued by many residents and planners.
 - ii. Geoff Cunningham attended the RSC meeting of October 30th as an expert advisor to the committee. GC tabled the full report which will be made available to Energy Group as soon as possible. GC has e-mailed RSC to ask why planners do not use their existing powers to insist on energy sustainability in new build and has received no reply to date.
 - iii. GC attended a Chamber of Commerce Green Lunch where the proposals to build on green sites and public parks were once again justified on economic grounds. JG and GC plan to produce a statement for the Green Partnership website on energy sustainability in conservation areas and in new build housing. LCC is building houses now which will need to be retrofitted in a few years time since energy efficiency standards have been set so low.
4. Mayoral Commission on Environmental Sustainability: GC no further progress.
5. North West Community Energy Companies: JG
 - i. Good Neighbour Community Energy has just generated 50,000kWh of renewable energy in Princes Court, Liverpool over 18 months and is now building a list of schools, community centres and other buildings which would benefit from having large solar installations.
 - ii. Liverpool Community Renewables, a newly established company led by Ed Gommon, Martin Dunschen and Emma Johnson is currently looking at several sites.
6. Transition Café: DD. The next meeting on November 12th 6.30 at the Quaker Meeting House School Lane, will be on sustainable transport. Karen Stevens will talk about Liverpool's sustainable transport policy and about cycling in particular. This will be followed by a discussion about how we see our transport usage changing in response to future fuel price rises and depletion. It will also be a chance to think about forming a TT cycling group.
7. Eco Office; JG There is increased use of office space by therapists.
8. Linking up: discussions are taking place to see what networking and linking activities can be fostered.

9. News Items; The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is currently consulting on new guidance relating to the registration of new co-operatives including renewable energy co-operatives. This consultation follows a change of approach by the FCA dating from the Spring of this year when they started to reject applications to register new renewable energy co-ops Please see the attached paper from Energy 4All

10. _Brother in law's research- Steve's draft paper discussed.

Next Meeting: Dec 14th 2014 7.00 meeting followed by our social wocial at Ullet Road Eco Offices.