

Energy Group Minutes November 8th 2015

1. Present: John Garrett, Geoff Cunningham, Dinah Dossor, James Crawley.
2. Apologies: Elizabeth Turp
3. Minutes of October meeting; agreed
4. Retrofit: GC. No response from Bonfield but the Report has been resent. Bonfield will discuss his Infrastructure Review at a forthcoming meeting of CORE in Stoke. GC will attend.
5. Peel Holdings; The Frack Free Liverpool Group is active on Facebook and the Fossil Free Group at Liverpool University actively campaigns on divestment in various areas with the aim for Liverpool University to divest by 2020. Discussion ensued on the practicality of divestment campaigns with acknowledgement that the main problem is political. Research and Development in fossil free fuel technologies is well financed and breakthroughs are likely in this sector.
6. Climate Change Campaign;
 - a) Professor Ken Durose gave a talk on Solar Electricity to Transition Town West Kirby at the Wirral Arts Centre; we propose to invite him to address a meeting in Liverpool for interested campaign groups on renewable energy development in general. This could be jointly organised as part of the TTL Cafe meetings in January or February.
 - b) Liverpool Climate Change March Sunday 29th November commencing 2 p.m at the Bombed Out Church; plans for the route are due to be finalised this week. Merseyside combined local authorities have £350 million invested in fossil fuels.
7. Community Energy Companies; JG Nothing further.
8. Merseyside Collective Switch: JG. <http://www.lcrenergyswitch.co.uk/> The winner is British Gas and EDF and a winning green tariff from Ovo Energy. The average cost is estimated at £853 for dual fuel (BG) 951 (EDF) 958 (O). JG will request publication of the renewable/non renewable fuel mix offered by these providers. Around 18,000 people have registered.
9. Transition Cafe; next meeting Wednesday November 11th 6.30 at the Quaker Meeting House for soup drinks and light refreshments followed by a practical session; Make your own Xmas Presents out of upcycled junk.
10. News Items; James has launched an experimental art project "Talking Trees Liverpool" in Sefton Park Meadows. www.talkingtreesliverpool.wordpress.com. Tree narratives seeking to promote curiosity in the environment via questions and answers using e-mail talkingtreesliverpool@gmail.com. Twitter is @talkingtreesliv.
11. Next meeting: Sunday December 13th 7.00 p.m at the Eco Offices 125a Ullet Road L17 2AB. Please note that the meeting will commence earlier than usual. Christmas drinks and mince pies will be served at the end of business.

