

## Energy Group Minutes October 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

1. Present: John Garrett, Geoff Cunningham, Dinah Dossor, Brian Ashton.
2. Apologies: Elizabeth Turp
3. Minutes of September meeting; agreed
4. Retrofit: GC. "Bonfield Review". Peter Bonfield, head of the Building Research Establishment, will address CORE in Salford at the Retrofit Studies Centre. GC will attend and has sent a copy of "Going Deep" to PB. This document will be put onto the Transition Liverpool website. It was agreed, however, that a summary was also required.
5. Peel Holdings: BA Brian and David Jacques have worked together on the Docklands area and are interested in the activities of Peel Gas and Oil buying licences under PEDAL (Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences) in the area. North Liverpool takes in 100 square kilometres of land and appears on DEFRA's "Magic Map" which included information on the 31 potential fracking sites, now removed. Peel is involved in Maghull, Ince, Ince Blundell, Ellesmere Port and Barton Moss together with a French company i-gas. Peel Biomass is also getting involved in biomass energy generation by means of US and Canadian imports in a facility being developed on Alexander Dock. BA has visited Barton Moss, Salcombe and Fylde Coast and has received reports from local people concerning noise and pollution problems. BA noted that 27-28 different chemicals were involved in fracking.
6. Community Energy Companies; JG
  - a) at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Alan Simpson, a former Labour MP, and one of the early advocates of UK feed in tariffs gave an inspiring speech looking beyond the current governmental obstacles facing renewable energy using the example of community and municipal energy generation and distribution from Germany, with some interesting ideas for community smart grids using modern battery storage in electricity substations.
  - b) Liverpool Community Renewables AGM will take place in November.
7. Merseyside Collective Switch: JG. <http://www.lcrenergyswitch.co.uk/> This involves using consumer power to negotiate lower energy prices for Merseyside, and is currently evaluating bids for its 5<sup>th</sup> round, previously won by EON. JG has been in correspondence with MCS to propose they offer a green (renewable only) option as well as a lowest cost option for Merseyside consumers, and has asked that they publish the fuel mix and CO<sub>2</sub> content of the winning entries. He sent them details of the recent national scheme successfully undertaken by 38 Degrees which was awarded to Good Energy. It was suggested that a demonstration could be mounted if a polluting electricity generating company is selected.
8. Transition Cafe: The Symposium on the Circular Economy (reduce, reuse, redistribute, repurpose, recycle) will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Quaker Meeting House School Lane. JG will give a talk on the Eco Office and staff a stall with leaflets about the office activities.
9. News Items;
  - a) The London Climate Change march is 29<sup>th</sup> November
  - b) Liverpool Young Greens rally as part of the COP 21 Paris campaign 12 noon Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at University Square Brownlow Hill. This includes a petition for Liverpool University divestment campaign "Fossil Free Liverpool University" <http://www.facebook.com/fossilfreeliverpooluniversity>
10. Next meeting: Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m at the Eco Offices 125a Ullet Road L17 2AB