



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

**Appleton-le-Moors and Spaunton Parish Renewable Energy Group**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005**  
**Reading Rooms, Appleton-le-Moors**

## **Notes of Meeting**

**Present** – Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan, Silvia Bernard, David Grewer, Jim Hall, John Marsden, Vicki Shaw

**Apologies** – Judie Holliday

Nelly began the meeting by talking about the fact-finding trip to the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales. She noted that Andy Rowland from Ecodyfi gave a good presentation and has a lot of experience in community energy projects. He will be a good contact for the group. Nelly talked about the guided tour of the site and the visit to a community wind turbine (75kW second hand Vestas turbine, 22 metres high). She felt that everyone who went on the trip had gained a lot from the experience and that it was worthwhile.

Nelly gave her first PowerPoint presentation on 'Going for Wind Power – A proposal for Appleton-le-Moors.' Nelly drew people's attention to a number of points including – Why wind? Choosing a site, pros and cons of house mounted turbines, pros and cons of new or second hand turbines, how a scheme could be presented to the community, how to fund a scheme and how to keep the project 'inclusive.' The presentation led onto a brainstorming session by the group and stimulated discussion on whether or not wind would be an option for the community. Jim suggested that the group needs firm proposals on a range of technologies rather than just focussing on one. It was agreed that the group are not convinced that a community wind turbine is the right answer. Dave commented that a business or action plan would be needed before any ideas were presented to the community. Dave also said that if the group thinks something is worth pursuing, then the group can make it happen. He felt that the group had not got to that point yet.

The idea was put forward that the results of the energy study could be presented to the community together with ideas on how to reduce energy consumption and carbon dioxide emission. However, it was noted that until the energy study had been produced, it would be difficult to target key points of energy/fuel consumption in the community.

The group decided that the next meeting should be held in the Village Hall and will look at setting goals and targets for the community and producing an action plan. Dave Rawlings will prepare for the meeting, invite people and produce an agenda. He may meet with some group members before the meeting.

Vicki collected in some completed questionnaires. For any outstanding questionnaires, either ring Vicki on 01439 770657 and she will arrange to pop by and pick them up or send them to Vicki Shaw, North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, North Yorkshire YO62 5BP marked **Private and Confidential**. Another option would be to hand them to Jim Hall who could pass them onto Vicki at work.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.