



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

Appleton and Spaunton Community Energy Group

Notes of Meeting

Monday 7th November 2005
Hill Top Farm, Spaunton

Present – Judie Holliday, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings, Vicki Shaw, Nelly Trevelyan, Dave Grewer

Apologies – Jim Hall, George Winn-Darley

The meeting was very informal and did not follow an agenda.

Vicki explained that due to the uncertainty of the Yorkshire Forward Funding, European funding may be sought in partnership with another project within the EU. She emphasised the need to produce a community energy plan in order to meet the Yorkshire Forward criteria for the NYM CREP. Vicki offered to draft a plan for the group to review at the next meeting.

Dave Grewer reported back about a Construction/Building Conference he had attended at the weekend. He thought the message that was being put across the most was that insulation is now the most important part of new building projects and that many new build houses in Scotland are so well insulated that minimal heating is required. This instigated discussion about whether this made a building too hot in the summer. He told the group that he had visited many stands, but the one which impressed him the most was Vitotec Solutions Limited. This company is based at East Ayton near Scarborough. It was decided that John (who has had previous contact with this company) would contact them to ask them to do a study of three houses in the area and present their findings at the Energy Event in February 2006. It was acknowledged that the company may charge for this.

Nelly asked the group if they would like her to approach Ryedale School to see if they would like to be involved in the Community Renewable Energy project. It could cover different parts of the curriculum, for example business studies as well as geography. She said she would contact some local schools to gauge the interest.

Nelly reported that she was putting in an application to the NYM SDF to secure funding to have a puppet show which portrays renewable energy in a fun and informative way to visit 10 primary schools in the area. The cost for the puppet show is around £3000 and the application is for around £2200. It was decided to add to this application a request for £2000 towards the Energy Event to cover implementation costs.

This prompted the group to decide officially on a name. This was agreed as **Appleton and Spaunton Community Energy Group**. Dave was also going to produce a constitution. The group will need to open a bank account and Judie said she would arrange for a cheque for £100 to be issued for an initial deposit.

Actions for the Energy Event

- Judie to look into the possibility of producing simulated photographs of renewable technologies in situ using actual photographs of village locations
- Nellie to contact the energy efficiency advice centre
- Nellie to add £2000 to the SDF application to cover implementation costs for the event
- John to contact Vitotec

Next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for **Thursday 1st December 2005 at 9.30am in the Reading Rooms** (bring your own log!!)