



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Monday 10th July 2006
The Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

Present – Helen Beaumont, June Emerson, Richard Gunton, Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, David Morris, Ann Procope, Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan, George Winn-Darley,

Apologies - Peter Jones

Introductions

Nelly introduced Ann Procope who owns a farm at Skipster Hagg and three cottages. Ann is interested in installing renewables, particularly geothermal (heat pumps) and a wind turbine.

Energy Efficiency

Jim is trying to arrange Energy Awareness for himself and Dave G together with two volunteers from UECEG and the CREP team. He has been in touch with CAfE, but the training that they can offer is not sufficiently advanced. He has also been in contact with NEA (National Energy Action) who have arranged a series of three day training courses with an option of taking a City and Guilds exam. There are places available on courses in Newcastle during November and Stockton in October. If 10 people can attend they would put on a course at our own venue. Richard indicated that funding would not be a problem so Jim will approach them to ask when they can come to Appleton. It is hoped that the extra places can be offered to local plumbers etc.

Demonstration Property

Jim has approached the tenant of the property next to the village hall. He has some concerns about potential disruption. However, he was overall enthusiastic about the project. Richard told the group that the best way forward, was to put together a rough proposal of works to be done, with a general idea of the costs and approach Yorkshire Forward with regard to funding the project. Richard thought it would be a good idea to approach a “green” architect to do the specification, he suggested Andre Yates from Eco-arc. He will approach Andrew and ask if he would be willing to do this work.

Wind

Nelly recently attended the “Windy Cities Network” in Leeds, with Judie, Peter Jones and Geoff Banner from the UECEG. This workshop based meeting looked at the many different types of

micro-wind turbines (and also some larger building mounted turbines). A report of this meeting is in the "MANY" newsletter circulated to the group. The next meeting of the Windy Network will be on 27th September at the Leeds Club, in Leeds, this will be cover costs and economics of micro wind. There will be an international windy network meeting in the Netherlands in late October.

Nelly still feels the need to gauge the community support. This may be possible through the intended newsletter.

Newsletter

The wording that Dave had drafted was looked at by the group also a sample layout produced by Judie. It was decided to hold a separate smaller meeting about the newsletter. This will be at the National Park, Saw Mill Lane Depot on Wednesday 19th July at 3.30pm. Dave R, Nelly, June and Judie to attend this meeting.

Solar Panel Open Day

George told the group about an open day at a plumbers merchants (Watermark) in Malton on 25th July. Hopefully they will start to stock items for solar hot water systems.

Next meeting

Monday 21st August 2006 in the Reading Rooms. (please note amended date)