



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

## Notes of Meeting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006  
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

**Present** – Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings, Vicki Shaw, Nelly Trevelyan

Nelly apologised for not writing up and circulating the notes from the last meeting. However she will endeavour to do this. Judie agreed to take and circulate the minutes for this meeting.

### Action Plan

Vicki circulated copies of the draft Community Energy Action Plan and explained that she saw it as a living document to be updated regularly. The group approved the plan. She explained that the plan should belong to the group but she agreed to keep it updated and would regularly send updated copies to Dave for him to put onto the community website.

### Case Studies

Vicki explained that she had been asked by the Sustainable Development Commission to submit a case study on the progress of the project for inclusion on their website. She will circulate a copy of the case study to group members.

Yorkshire Forward has recently completed a paper on climate change and how it will affect the region. They intend having a website and asked Vicki to submit a case study about empowering communities. Nelly asked that this study should be realistic and include the problems that the group has encountered as well as the positive results.

### Community Wind Turbine

Nelly explained that the North York Moors Sustainable Development Fund have granted money towards the Energy Event and a proportion of this money was for consultants fees for work to use at the event. As the work on the 3 sample properties is now being done by Viotech free of charge, she asked the group if they would agree to the grant being spent on employing Garry Jenkins from North Energy Associates to do a study on a Community Wind Turbine for Appleton. The balance of the fees for this work would be covered by CafE, who offer one and a half days free consultancy service. The group agreed to this. Nelly will make the necessary arrangements.

## **Education Event – Nutmeg Puppets**

The schools who have signed up for the puppet show and workshop are Danby, Sinnington, Rosedale, Gillamoor and Botton. Nelly is to let Vicki have a list of dates so that she can arrange a press release.

Nelly mentioned that it would be good to develop an ongoing energy programme with local primary and secondary schools. She had considered obtaining Sustainable Development Funding to pay an advisor to work with teachers and local schools. Vicki mentioned that Sophie Smith from York Energy Efficiency Advice Centre has experience of holding workshops in schools and working with pupils to carry out energy surveys. This service is FREE! Nelly will contact Sophie.

## **Energy Event**

- John is to contact John Brett to arrange for the surveys of the 3 properties. One possible date was the 1<sup>st</sup> February,
- Vicki will ask Colin Mather and/or Peter Woods to attend the day event to share their own experience of heat pumps. It was suggested that posters could be produced,
- Nigel Mortimer has agreed to give a presentation on the Friday evening about the results of the Energy Survey. Vicki will ask Nigel if he will give a general overview including talking about climate change, energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies,
- Vicki will ask a relevant planner to attend,
- Dave will look at the nuclear option and may contact Nigel Mortimer,
- Nelly will contact York EEAC to confirm their availability for the event
- Dave will look into biofuels and biomass and produce a poster. He suggested that Victor Buchannon could be invited to the event,
- John continues to research photovoltaics,
- Dave is to chair the evening event. Vicki will do a short introduction to the CREP and then Dave will introduce Nigel,
- Judie showed the group a draft questionnaire. The group approved of this and Judie will produce copies of this for the event,
- A poster/flier was examined and it was thought that whilst this would be good for notice boards more eye catching fliers should be produced to be delivered to households. Judie agreed to produce a draft of these for the next meeting, and
- Vicki will produce one or two press releases about the event.

## **Bioenergy Scenarios**

Vicki circulated a copy of a letter from Manchester University regarding bioenergy workshops. She explained that it was an opportunity for the group to feed into a research project as well as find out more about biomass. The group thought these would be interesting. Vicki undertook to arrange a date for this, probably late in March.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am in the Village Hall, Appleton**