



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Monday 12th June 2006
The Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

Present – Dave Grewer, Richard Gunton, Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Steve Lonsdale, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan, George Winn-Darley

Apologies - Helen Beaumont

Funding update

Yorkshire Forward have confirmed in writing further funding of £50k for this coming year, that together with the National Parks contribution of £25k each year for the next two years will ensure the projects continuation until August 2007 when hopefully funding from IEE will be secured for a further 3 year project. If the IEE bid is successful Yorkshire Forward has indicated that significant capital funds will be available for matched funding of projects. IEE funding is dependant on a successful bid which includes partner projects in Europe. On a previous search for partners Vicki had identified potential partners in Italy and Poland. Nelly said she thought she knew of a potential partner in France.

Energy Efficiency

Dave G and Jim have volunteered to be parochial Energy Efficiency Advisors for the community. CAfE will supply a training course free of charge. Anna Stobbs from CAfE is the contact. The group feels this would be a good way to have a quick result, because as Nigel Mortimer pointed out at his presentation at the Energy Event that carbon savings of 55% could be achieved with good insulation and energy efficiency. This is reflected in the fact that Low Carbon Building grants are available on condition that homes/buildings are energy efficient. George wondered if there was any form of certification for the energy efficiency of a property, John thought this was covered by the new regulations regarding property sales. Jim is to contact Anna to clarify the level of training available and if it is thought that this is appropriate he will book a training session. Members from the UECEG will be invited to join this training session to increase the numbers attending.

Richard asked if there were any community buildings that could be used as a demonstration property. Jim suggested the house adjoining the Village Hall which is owned by the Village Hall. The merits of using this building as a demonstration property were discussed, also the possibility of using local builders to do any necessary work. It was decided to introduce this

idea to the Village Hall Committee (meeting later this week) and Richard will approach Steve Brown about funding availability.

Community Wind

Nelly showed the group the final document for the basic feasibility study carried out by Garry Jenkins. Judie offered to take the cd also provided so that she can produce paper copies for Dave to distribute to members. The report looked at various sites in the community. This initial study identified two possible sites and that technically it would be possible to site a turbine/s in the parish. Nelly felt that the next stage would be to gauge community support for the scheme, however it was felt that it would not be able to gauge the support without more detailed information. Therefore a more detailed feasibility study will need to be commissioned. Dave will speak to George Munson to get a list of companies who may be interested in tendering for the work, also advice on the details of the brief for the tender document. Peter explained the planning process and made some suggestions of how to overcome potential problems with planning. When the time comes to consult the community Nelly suggested visiting the two turbines (similar in size to proposed Appleton turbines) in Darlington which have recently been installed.

District Heating Scheme

In order to progress this proposal a similar detailed feasibility study will be needed. Dave will contact George about funding for this.

Newsletter

It was decided that now would be a good time to start to produce a regular newsletter, to follow on from the "Energy Event". Dave will write a rough outline, with contributions from Jim and Nelly and Judie will work on the layout and production.

Next meeting: Monday 10th July 2006 in the Village Hall.