



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Friday 17th February 2006
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

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

Apologies – Dave Grewer

Matters arising from last meeting

Nelly has approached the NP planners regarding a community wind turbine on the common at Appleton and was told that it would not be allowed as it would be visually intrusive. However she is convinced that a negative decision could be argued against as a wind turbine near Harrogate has recently been allowed on appeal and as yet the NP does not have a RE policy.

Nelly has also been in touch with the geography teacher at Ryedale School. They are keen to fit in a session on sustainable energy before Easter to all year 9 pupils.

Jim will make people aware of the Energy Event at the Quiz night which is being held on Saturday.

Nelly has recently been to a Warm Front Event and had met a representative from Den EAGA solar based at Newcastle. They are putting renewables into fuel poverty properties. They are just about to launch a new scheme to install solar hot water panels, micro wind and air source heat pumps into such properties. They would be willing to come to the Energy Event. It was thought by the group that it was unlikely that any residents in this parish would be in a fuel poverty group.

Press Release

Vicki circulated a draft press release to publicise the Energy Event. Emma Farley from the park will let us have the contacts when the group is ready to release this. It was suggested that the title could be Power to the People. Nelly suggested that the last quote should be changed to make it more informal.

Publicity

The first fliers were distributed for delivery as soon as possible. Various suggestions were put forward for the posters. Group members will put posters up.

Nutmeg Theatre Group

Nelly informed the group that Botton School have pulled out of the Nutmeg workshops as it does not fit with its Steiner philosophy of teaching. Castleton School will take its place. She also said that the puppet show will just look at wind energy and it would be a good idea for Sandy Carter from Create to go to the schools to talk about sustainable energy issues in general. This would give the children information on other renewable energy technologies rather than just focusing on wind power.

Progress and plans for Energy Event

- Ground source heat pumps - Jim showed the photos he had for the display and some articles he had downloaded. Unfortunately most of the information regarding costing and savings were out of date by at least a couple of years, which in view of the recent price increases on oil, were significantly inaccurate. He also commented that there is a need for information that is easy to understand and answers simple questions. A lot of the information is for a technical audience.
- Solar hot water panels - Dave has got information and will do a display board.
- Solar photovoltaics - John is pulling together information and will do a display board.
- Biomass energy - It was thought that George WD has asked Victor Buchanan to attend. Vicki mentioned that she has talked to Will Richardson from Yorwoods and has arranged for him to come to the event.
- Climate change film - Dave is intending downloading information about climate change from websites to feed through the projector to have running during the day.

Action Plan

Vicki will update the action plan and send a copy to DR to include on the parish website.

Next meetings

The next meeting has been arranged for Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

An Energy Event follow up meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.