



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON LE MOORS AND SPAUNTON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP

GOALS WORKSHOP

Held on Tuesday 23rd August 2005 in the Village Hall

Present – Nelly Trevelyan, Geoff Cawood, Jim Hall, Andrew Price, Vicki Shaw, Judie Holliday, Dave Rawlings,

Apologies – Penny and Eddie Ward, George Winn-Darley, Mike Farrant, Silvia Bernard

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

1. Agree the group's goals
2. Develop an action plan

HOPES

What are we individually hoping for from the meeting and the group in general?

- Plan presentation to the village
- Develop “real” actions
- Raise awareness – increase community cohesion
- Contribute to solving climate change
- Make our activities replicable
- Learn about energy technology (off the shelf) and put into practice
- Core group to start with
- Increase energy efficiency
- Set a plan
- Establish a project within the National Park's “Community Renewable Energy Project”
- Identify domestic heating options
- Link to the Parish Council
- Contribute our own expertise
- Auditable CO2 reduction and energy efficiency improvements

- Contribute to the local economy

CONCERNS

What are we individually concerned about with respect to the group's activities?

- Swamped by negative attitudes
- Too ambitious
- We won't DO anything
- Spreading the load
- Reliability of the technology

ACHIEVEMENTS

What have we achieved already?

- Greater awareness of the technology
- Set up group
- Linked with Danby group
- Visited the Centre for Alternative Technology
- Started baseline energy study
- Approached all residents
- Collected data within the group
- Attended seminars
- Heard speakers on different technologies
- Met regularly
- Linked with the National Park
- Linked with primary school

OUTCOMES

What are the things that we COULD do?

- Communicate with the village (demonstrate and sell)
- Group buying, e.g. insulation
- Build wind turbine
- Educate (schools)
- Community heating scheme
- Website – all information collected
- Local information sheet
- Parish magazine articles
- "Wind Day"
- "Solar Day"
- Press releases
- Support individual initiatives
- Influence planning policy, e.g. group contribution to consultation
- Lessons learned from other communities
- Share cars

- Solar hot water – individual and group schemes
- Heat pumps: investigate local conditions
- Geothermal
- Link to other activities
- Local survey – wind, geothermal, ...?
- Communicate energy study results
- Make the technology understandable and fun
- The bigger picture – national and global
- Track progress
- Future scenarios
- Energy security
- Economic issues / forecasts
- Economic spin-offs
- Drama performance

GOALS

What are the group's wider goals?

- Reduce emissions *****
- Cut energy bills ****
- Empower the community ***
- Develop self-sufficiency and security **
- Become carbon-neutral
- Benefit the local economy
- Raise awareness ***
- Contribute to national targets and obligations *
- Clarify needs vs wants to approach sustainability

* After drawing up the list, each participant was given three votes to set against the goals of their choice in order to prioritise them

ACTIONS

- Publicise ourselves
- Plan a village event
 - Information
 - Plans
 - Ideas
 - Scenarios
- Circulate output
- Refine goals

MEETING ANALYSIS

What went well <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everybody listened and spoke• General consensus• No violence(!)• Worked hard• Structure of the meeting• Better venue	Room for improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too long• Needed more people• No refreshments
Next Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulate information early• Structure and process	

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 pm Tuesday 13th September, venue to be confirmed.