

## **LLES A.G.M. held on Wednesday 19th February 2003 at the Great Oak Cafe**

### **Present**

Gwen Prince, Chris Lord-Smith, Barbara Anderson, Andy Warren, Beck Woodrow, David Utting, Gareth Davies, O'Hara, Graham Brand, Jackie Newey, John Waters, Jim Ralph, Alan Selkirk

### **Apologies**

Barbara Grantham, Sheila Williams, Dennis and Marjory Woodland, Barbara Richter, George Novak, Tony Burton

### **Minutes of the Previous AGM**

These were read and accepted.

### **Report from the Chair**

Chris reported a successful year for LLES with several successful stalls and four very well attended public meetings. Chris was currently developing a proposal for a Renewable Energy project with the aim of making Llanidloes a Zero CO2 emissions economy by 2010. Llanidloes had also been selected, because of LLES' work, to be part of a Powys Action for Community Energy (PACE) project jointly proposed by Powys Energy Agency, Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority, and Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW). This will involve the creation of a post of a Community Energy Warden and developing a participatory community action plan to improve domestic energy efficiency and encourage renewable energy initiatives. LLES will also hold another stall in April with the Renewable Energy Company.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Gareth presented the accounts in tabular form and indicated that we had a current balance of £221.21. He suggested that we think of bodies that we could approach to ask for a donation of £100 to improve our financial position.

### **Election of Officers**

Chris agreed to stay on as Chair and Gwen as Secretary. Gareth would like to step down as Treasurer but agreed to stay on for the time being. Barbara Anderson agreed to be Membership Secretary.

### **Funding for LLES**

We need funding for a full-time co-ordinator for LLES for the community-based renewable energy scheme. Chris is exploring sources for this. The PACE project is applying for European funding. We could also make membership renewable annually.

### **Any Other Business**

WEBSITE: John Waters wants material for this

**NEWSLETTER:** Beck agreed to produce another one around Easter. It was suggested that this would include a tear-off slip for membership renewal for a suggested donation or what the member can afford. We should also have a regular slot in the Llani Weaver.

**LIFESTYLE SUPPORT GROUP:** There was some interest in starting one after meeting on Sustainable Lifestyles. Gwen would explore this.

**AIMS OF LLES:** It was agreed that we should include the promotion of Renewable Energy as part of our aims.

**VISIT TO WIND/SOLAR HYBRID SYSTEM:** O'Hara invited LLES members to see his new system one Thursday sometime after Easter to be arranged.

**VISIT BY FoE BISHOPS CASTLE GROUP:** Gwen has been approached by the Friends of the Earth group in Bishops Castle who are interested in starting up a similar group in their area and would like to meet with us.

The meeting ended with some home-made wine and cakes and a very interesting talk by Beck on her visit to the BEDZED (Bedlington Zero Energy Project) in Surrey.