

LLES A.G.M. held on Wednesday 3rd March 2004 at the Great Oak Cafe

Present

Chris Lord-Smith (Chair), Gwen Prince, (Secretary) Gareth Davies (Treasurer), Barbara Anderson, Sheila Williams, Margery Woodland, Dennis Woodland, Mary Humphrey, Colin Humphrey, Andy Warren, Rob O'hara, Nick Venti, Stuart Hobbs, Beck Woodrow, John Waters, Deb Wozencraft, Sophie Wozencraft, David Utting, Graham Brand, Barbara Grantham.

Apologies

Hayley Myles, Kevin Carey, Gwen Gralton, Fleur Hinks, Hayley Myles.

Minutes of Previous A.G.M.

These were read and accepted.

Report from the Chair

Chris reported a quieter year for LLES, but we have held two successful stalls and a well attended public meeting together with L.L.A.N.I. link to launch the PACE project. That is going ahead, but our application for SPIRIT (community) funding to finance the employment of a Development officer to take forward our aim of making Llanidloes a zero CO2 economy was turned down as there were insufficient funds available. However our project met all the criteria for funding and we are confident that we will be able to access some soon. Chris had set up a successful recycling scheme at Bodlondeb, and the website was launched.

Treasurer's Report

Gareth reported assets of £410.67 including light bulbs with a realisable value of £35.

The issue of applying for charity status was discussed. It was agreed that we should apply for this. Later we may set up a community interest company to supply electricity owned by the community when we have our own Renewable Energy project going.

The accounts were accepted.

David Utting reported he has asked CAfE (Community Action for Energy) for help with applying for funding. Also some Charitable trusts to help with day to day funding.

Election of Officers

Chris agreed to stay as Chair, Gwen as Secretary and Gareth as Treasurer. Barbara Anderson will stay as Membership Secretary and Andy Warren, Beck Woodrow and David Utting will remain on the committee. Nick Venti, Deb Wozencraft and Graham Brand agreed to join the committee. These appointments were accepted.

Adoption of New Constitution

Our previous constitution was very minimal, and we were required to submit a fuller one when we applied for funding. A copy was given to all members to examine and a discussion followed. It was agreed to adopt it for the time being despite some inadequacies, since if we apply for charitable status we will need a new one.

Report on CAfE Conference

Gwen reported briefly on the conference in Manchester on 'Community Energy - Making it Happen'. It had been very useful in giving some ideas on reaching out to the community. It would be a fruitful discussion topic at a further meeting.

Any Other Business

Newsletter: Beck is producing another one and has some articles but needs more.

We can have a regular slot in the Llani Weaver.

The meeting closed at 9.15 and members enjoyed organic wine and cheese and a general chat.