

**MINUTES OF LLANIDLOES ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2004**

Held at Great Oak Cafe..

Present Chris Lord-Smith (Chair), Gwen Prince, David Utting, Barbara Anderson, Andy Warren, Beck Woodrow, Graham Brand, Jackie Newey, Deb Wozencraft, Georgina Stooke-Vaughan, Dennis & Marjery Woodland, Beverley Evans-Britt, Tim Ware, John Waters, Alan Anderson.

Apologies Gareth Davies,

Talk by Adam Kennerley from Bishops Castle

A group from Bishops Castle's Wasteless Society group visited us last year to get ideas from us on how to tackle the issue of climate change. Adam told us how they have gone ahead, forming partnerships with the Marches Energy Agency, the Town council, District Council, and their local Energy Advice Centre, and have received a grant from the Energy Saving Trust. They have employed a co-ordinator to implement a plan drawn up with the help of the Marches Energy Agency, who helped them put in a bid for a feasibility study, and the Energy Saving Trust.

They have held public meetings to discuss the issues and to get people to sign up to help. They did a baseline energy survey to determine the carbon footprint of the town and surrounding area looking at home energy, transport, food miles and use of green energy, and have found that BC produces 40% more greenhouse gases than the national average (mainly because there is no mains gas). They are now applying for a £90,000 grant from EST to implement energy saving measures such as green electricity, solar thermal, ground source heat pumps, anaerobic digesters, PV as a showcase project, biodiesel, and a small-scale wind project.

We were very inspired by Adam's talk and hopefully re-energised to take our own community-owned project forward as soon as we can.

Potential Funding

David Utting reported that LLES is now registered as a 'Company Limited by Guarantee' having just received the registration document from Companies House. We are now completing the extensive paperwork needed for submission to the Charity Commissioners. A project administrator for the new Spirit Fund has recently been appointed, but has not started work yet. *DU said he would keep in touch with PAVO regarding a start date.*

Electricity supplier partnership.

Adam mentioned that their group received a payment from the electricity supply company recommended by them. *DU agreed to contact both Ecotricity and Good Energy to try to set up a similar arrangement for LLES.*

Energy Survey

Chris Lord-Smith brought a draft copy of the questionnaire for members to look at and suggest any amendments. It was agreed to widen the scope of the survey to include anyone living in the town. *CL-S agreed to collate the results giving a base line for use in the future.*

A copy will be inserted in the October edition of the Llani Weaver and will be distributed throughout the town. *Gwen will find a source of low energy bulbs to distribute.*

Any Other Business

1.School Essay competition: Andy Warren brought a draft copy of an essay competition for the High School for members to comment on.

2.Survey on Attitudes to Renewable Energy; A High School student, Georgina Stooke-Vaughan has undertaken to do some research for LLES on attitudes to Renewable Energy. She needs someone to work with her. *CL-S said he would help her draft a Questionnaire*

3. Martin Bemment, a new member sent an email proposing the idea for a PV array on the school roof sponsored by people - or the town council?