



ACTION GROUP ON COMMUNITY ENERGY

Note of Decisions and Actions, Meeting 1, 12 July 2018

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1 Purpose of the Action Group

It was proposed that the group pursue a 'horses for courses' approach to project development, whereby the group would undertake initial discussions and preliminary investigations to identify potentially viable projects that would contribute meaningfully to decarbonisation and community benefit, and look to find an appropriate 'partner' organisation that could fully assess, develop, own and run the project (for example, Gloucestershire Community Energy Cooperative (GCEC), Nailsworth Climate Action Town (NCAT) [and/or any social enterprise it establishes], or another appropriate community organisation or public body).

It was agreed that it was too early to agree a statement of purpose and that this should be kept open pending review of progress on early actions.

2 Project Ideas and Next Steps

The group worked through the main categories of project ideas in the discussion paper, ['How to add most value ...?'](#)

- a) 'Energy Local Club': **action DM** to raise the possibility of an Energy Local Club for the Dudbridge Hydro Scheme with colleagues in the Canal Trust; **action DM/FB** to arrange further discussion with Energy Local and Coop Energy as appropriate.
- b) PV on Schools: **action RE** to ask MP about contacts within the Gloucester Academies Trust and to inform GCEC so they can consider how best to progress discussion about rooftop PV on [Academy schools](#).
- c) PV on commercial buildings: **action RE** to invite GCEC to NCAT's September meeting to discuss potential involvement in progressing rooftop PV in Nailsworth Mill Estate.
- d) Potential for PV on other buildings in Stroud: **action BH** to keep the group informed of discussions and developments (eg Subscription Rooms, Merrywalks shopping centre).
- e) Ground-mounted PV: **action FB** to contact interested local landowner and arrange discussion (including AW).
- f) Innovative pilot projects: **action IG** to enable group members to access GCEC's drop box so that they can access reports on pilot projects across the UK; **action FB** to consider potential for a workshop on innovative pilot projects with invited speakers (eg PV/storage, P2P, heat networks).

- g) Water source heat pumps: **action AW** to investigate performance compared with air and ground source pumps and local potential.
- h) MSc research: **action AW** to consider potential for focussing on a local project in his MSc research.
- i) Workplace energy efficiency: **action KC** to report back on discussions with Severn Wyre Energy Agency.

3 Liaison Arrangements, Membership of the Group and Capacity Building

- a) Stroud District Council: **action BH** to arrange discussion with Simon Pickering and Jim Dewey about community energy and liaison between SDC and the action group.
- b) Stroud Town Council: **action FB** to contact Sarah Lunnon and Alan Sage about liaison between the Town Council and the action group.
- c) Ecotricity: **action BH** to arrange discussion with Simon Pickering about liaison between Ecotricity and the action group.
- d) GFirst Energy Strategy: **action FB** to circulate TS discussion paper on development of a Gloucestershire Energy Strategy and keep the group informed about opportunities for engagement.
- e) Western Power Distribution: **action FB** to contact WPD to introduce the action group and suggest liaison on potential future projects in the district.
- f) Liaison with GCEC: **action AC/IG** to attend future action group meetings when possible. **Action FB** to ensure action group representation at the GCEC AGM on 24th September and reporting on the activities of the action group.
- g) Liaison with NCAT: **action RE/MP** to attend future action group meetings when possible.
- h) Case for Community Energy: **action FB** to identify and circulate links to documents that make the case for community energy.
- i) Information management: **action FB** to consider the most appropriate way of enabling the group to build and access an online document resource.
- j) Group capacity: **action FB** to ask those on the group mailing list to indicate possible experience and skills that could be made available to the group.

4 Next Meeting

Action FB to circulate a doodle poll to find a date for the next meeting in September (and prior to the GCEC AGM on 24 September).