

Putting Communities at the Heart of Bristol's Energy System

6 July 2016 BEN open meeting

Old Library, Lockleaze

1. 60 second updates

The meeting started with our usual 60 second updates, including upcoming dates:

- Bristol Energy Co-op share offer is closing on the 31st July.
- Ambition Lawrence Weston needs trades people to help with resolving damp and insulation issues. If anyone knows of any reliable people, please contact Roger. [Care and Repair](#) was suggested.
- Easton Energy Group is having a weekly Tool Library and Skills share at The Show Home on Heron Road every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm. Come and borrow or lend tools and share some skills with your community.
- Lockleaze Voice Neighbourhood Development Forum (<https://sites.google.com/site/lockleazevoice/>) Open meetings on the last Tuesday of every month for those who live and /or Love Lockleaze. This is a great space to get involved in this wonderful community. Come hear about and get involved in issues affecting our community.
- From 7pm at the Cameron Centre.
- [The Community Shares Unit](#): Community shares can save local shops and pubs, finance renewable energy schemes, transform community facilities, support local food growing, fund new football clubs, restore heritage buildings, and above all, build stronger, more vibrant, and independent communities. (from their website)

2. Presentations

The meeting started with 5 minute talks about local issues relating to energy:

1. Karen, local involved in campaigning against diesel generators
2. Stuart, Residents Against Dirty Energy's campaign against diesel generators
3. Emily, Old Library
4. Neil, Community Land Trust
5. Karen, Lockleaze Environment Group

3. Small group discussions

Attendees then broke into groups to discuss these topics further:

- A. Alternatives to dirty energy & peaking
- B. Community buildings & energy
- C. Housing

A. Alternatives to dirty energy & peaking

At an individual level we can reduce our energy consumption, and switch to clean, renewable energy suppliers.

Need to campaign against new dirty power, including the planning application for a bio-diesel planning application at St Philips [16/00719/F Avonbank Feeder Road Bristol BS2 0TH]

- Submit objections by 5pm 12th July - <http://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/centralDistribution.do?caseType=Application&keyVal=O2CCQ4DNJMJO>
- Attend meeting in Barton Hill 7th July, 18.30, Barton Hill Settlement
http://radebristol.com/my-calendar/?mc_id=25
- Need people to come together and support this community, like they did in St Werburghs and Lockleaze
- Need for experts to help provide evidence in opposing the application (the council have had no independent air quality assessment made)
- Here is the list of councillors that will hear the Plutus application:
<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCommitteeMailingList.aspx?ID=141>

Actions

- Find out who the owner of the site is.
- Propose an alternative use of the site.
- Look for UWE experts (Bristol Energy Coop has links)
- Ask BEN Network members to publicise the issue.
- Need a Bristol-wide policy on opposing dirty fuel plants, and air quality

B. Community buildings & energy

- Project for energy efficiency in building and raising awareness (in a fun way)
- Two sides – building (management) & community
- Sharing information and knowledge – local newspaper, schools, picnics
- Don't care, don't know?

C. Housing

[Unfortunately, the flip chart for this group has gone missing!]

4. Feedback on meeting

Window: insights gained

- Great chance to make some connections to people/ projects being new to Bristol energy community – thanks!
- Further insights re housing systems

Wish: what could have been better

- Info re Community Energy Fund: top tips!

Star: what worked well

- Food!
- Supportive group
- Insightful discussions