

## CEL members meeting 27 May 2021

### Attendees

Syed Ahmed	David ?
Pamela Harding	Alex Hartley
Lorraine Haskell	Anna ?
Elizabeth Ainslie	Paul Hallas
Steve Shaw	James H?
Martin Narraway	Maddy Hodgson
Sydney Charles	Toby Costin
Zach Wilshart	Alban Thurston
Dave Fuller	Mike Smyth
Glyn Thomas	Duncan Law
Cllr Martin Seaton	Piera Lukes
Angelica Santodomingo	Sobia Mahmood
Derick Velloso	Tom Campbell
Jenni Tyyska	Eva Goudouneix
Heidi Stedeford	Nicola Kench
Andrew Flagg	Talal Karim
	Hannah Short

### 1. Steve Shaw - Power for People

Re [Local Electricity Bill](#) - aims to create a route to market for CE schemes and see more generation.

- Now have a third DNO supporting the Bill, SP Energy Networks. Half of all DNOs are now on board. Power for People will be trying to get them all to support the Bill, as well as National Grid.

They have met with UKPN who seemed genuinely interested and asked about the complicated aspects of the Bill, but Power for People have not heard from them since.

- MP support - 260 MPs support the Bill, nearly all of the back benchers of the House of Commons.

Another 100 labour MPs said they will support it, a total of 360.

Some MPs have been swamped by public support.

- Unfortunately, only 4 x London Boroughs support the Bill.
- MPs have till mid June to decide on the bill, but Power for People hope to hear news next week. There are several stages to passing a Bill however.
- If the Bill is unsuccessful then they will review it. However, they feel the chance of it succeeding is good.

Alban: Any overlap with the Environmental Audits Committee? Power for people have submitted a response to the Environmental Audits Committee, who replied and said consumers have a right to a local supply. The Local Electricity Bill covers this, which is positive.

Conrad Steel (prev Cit Ad) commissioned to write paper on distribution network, will send draft to Steve in case of use.

CEL would like to thank Steve for his contributions

## 2. Matt Thomas update

- On LCECF 4, GLA seeing projects near completion, some of those which received capital funding now finished or being installed in the next few weeks. GLA will be in touch with grant recipients soon, or groups should get in touch with Matt or Emma Grey if needed. If groups have not invoiced yet they should do so.
- LCECF 5 hopefully going ahead, like LCECF 4, covering feasibility and capital. Potential for late summer launch. Will be giving applicants more time for the application process. If groups have projects in mind then they should get ready.
- On LCECF 3, there are still some projects from this round which GLA have not received final claims for yet or monitoring reports, GLA will be in touch in next few weeks. Alternatively, groups should contact them.

Q: What about funding for CEL for grants? In touch with GLA about this - watch this space.

## 3. Jenni Tyyska - PO for CEL - Project on monitoring and evaluation for CE projects (Toolbox for successful M and E)

See slides.

Positive feedback.

Q: Does the carbon savings use this year's Government carbon intensity figures and does it assume further decarbonisation as the UK decarbonises? Yes. But projects won't be saving the current figure in 10 years time. Carbon savings will actually reduce over time. This work will look at lifetime savings, not just annual.

Q: Is this too onerous? Reporting is onerous. Some projects have a matrix of up to 70 things to report on and this has to be done fairly regularly. The Toolbox allows you to use it as you see fit, groups don't have to use it all.

Duncan: social ROI is the holy grail and trying to get a figure for this is very difficult and important, he is trying to work on how to show this as a monetary value (using spreadsheet to work this out). Any help on moving that forward would be helpful, send Jenni an email, would like to talk.

Furthermore, if anyone would like to join their Evidencing the Benefits of CE working group please email [d.law@communityenergyengland.org](mailto:d.law@communityenergyengland.org) with Benefits in the subject. Duncan is on holiday till 7 June.

Eva: Repowering has an internal form to capture all figures. This toolbox adds value to them. Need to get into the habit of recording data regularly.

Alban: Check out the work on evaluating SRoI which the New Economics Foundation did, c 2009 or 2010. If memory serves, NEF's checklist and calculation engine was being taken up by the Cabinet Office. Work like this has been needed for a while.

Jenni to groups: Is anything missing? Do you agree with the 6 key points making up the Tool box? How could this work be made more useful? Will send an email round to groups after the meeting.

## 4. Lorraine Haskell - Recommended contractors directory

- Big thanks to all the groups which completed the questionnaire and spoke to Lorraine afterwards.
- Got 50 names total for the recommended contractor directory. Now looking at how to present this on the website and how it will work.
- Some areas still need names: solar thermal, battery storage, EV infrastructure, energy efficiency (insulation), energy efficiency (glazing), energy efficiency (boilers), energy efficiency (lighting), energy efficiency (controls), plumbers, and energy assessors.
- Can email Lorraine with other names, [lorraineehaskell@hotmail.com](mailto:lorraineehaskell@hotmail.com)

## 5. CE Group project updates

- Alex (SELCE):
  - Have now run 2 x Fuel Poverty masterclasses. 3 individuals from the classes can be placed on NEA Energy Awareness level 3 course and will get mentoring as well, to help people deliver their projects.
  - Nadia Smith launched the Futurefit Homes extension to North London at a Muswell Hill Sustainability Group (MHSG) event on 31 May.
- SE24/ SELCE:
  - Event, LEDing the Way on 22 June or 14 July, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-communities-leding-the-way-tickets-156745103825>.
- Sydney (En10):
  - Alex Hartley has been engaged by MHSG to do fuel poverty and energy efficiency training at Living Under One Sun in Tottenham.
  - Highgate Society Sustainable Living event, 'Heat Pumps are Coming' at 7.30pm on 14 June.
- Eva (Repowering):
  - Working on a community energy roadmap project with the council, how community energy can fit into their plans.
  - Have a solar panel workshop with Lambeth council this summer.
  - Carrying out assessments on southwark estates for solar pv.
- Duncan:
  - Open Letter with 75 signatories sent to SoSs, ministers, Chancellor, Ofgem. Asking for support of groups and for groups to send to MPs, <https://communityenergyengland.org/news/joint-letter-to-government>.
- Toby (CREW):
  - Heat pumps workshops - 16 June giving starter for 10 - for local residents.
  - 29 June - Heat pump event for CE groups covering funding, promotion, communal heating etc.
  - 22 June - BMS event covering contractors, the right and wrong kinds of building etc.
  - To send further event details around, can move events if they clash with other events.

CEL: Everyone needs to send dates of their events for the calendar and for marketing.

## 6. Sydney - AGM

- Needed on 24 June, some regulatory motions to pass.
- Half of directors have to stand down, those who have been there longest. Jamie, Giovanna, Sydney to stand down, can then re stand. Need another to stand down.
- If anyone is keen to be a Director let CEL know.

## 7. Events

- Community Energy Fortnight - 14-27 June.
- Climate Energy Action week - 26 June - 4 July.
- CEL doing an event 16 June with Manchester, role of CE in Manchester (looking to support groups in other urban areas).
- Elaine Trimble to run an event for LA officers, invite only. Has had good take up.
- Reports on: CE in places of worship - working with faith groups with net zero goals, Smart energy communities by Conrad Steel, Elaine's report and report on Community energy in cities all due out and to be launched at events.
- CEL to send email out about all of this in the next 10 days.

## 8. AOB

- Duncan: If members can make a short film (1-3 mins) about their projects, maybe a guided tour with your MP?, including mention of the many benefits you deliver, we will show it during Community Energy Fortnight. <https://communityenergyengland.org/news/make-a-video> Harness the tiktokkers and youtubers in your community. It will be useful as an advert for your project.
- Lorraine: Need bloggers for YouGen (<https://yougen.co.uk/>), on energy efficiency and renewable energy for home owners and small SMEs. YouGen covering community energy in June and Community Energy Fortnight if anyone wants to blog specifically on that. Unfortunately not paid.
- Piera: Introduced herself and Croydon Energy Group.
- Alban: Plug for stories for [www.TheEnergyst.com](http://www.TheEnergyst.com), send to [Alban.Thurston@Gmail.com](mailto:Alban.Thurston@Gmail.com).
- Tim: Could groups update their projects on the new CEL map please.