



THE COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Aims:

Within Sustainable South Brent (SSB)'s overall remit to inform and involve the local population and deliver such actions that will enhance the sustainability of South Brent, the Community Energy Working Group seek to:

- Work with local land and riparian owners to develop renewable energy schemes to reduce Brent's dependence on fossil fuels and emissions of greenhouse gases.
- Encourage and support the managers of Brent's community buildings to increase energy efficiency and /or install their own renewable energy systems.
- Keep the village informed of these projects so that as many local people as possible are offered a sense of ownership.
- Support SSB's other working groups by supplementing the funding of domestic energy efficiency and renewable energy, transport and other environmental schemes, which may fall outside public sector support.
- To act as a repository of local knowledge and to advise proposers of new energy projects at household or community level on how best to proceed and fit in to existing plans.



Who We Are:

Members of Sustainable South Brent who live in the Parish and have an interest in renewable energy.

When We Meet:

Over the last year the group have met six times including a visit to the wind turbine at Higher Downstow.

What we have done so far:

Over the last year we have attempted to answer the questions "how much energy do we use", "how much can we save" and "how much can we generate". To this end we have:

- Investigated the pattern of energy use in the Parish
- Conducted a pilot home energy survey
- Investigated the hydropower potential of the Avon and commissioned a "pre-feasibility" study.
- Working on a community wind power feasibility study.

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