

Energy Group Potential Project List 2010

Here is a list of potential projects we discussed at our last meeting attended by Paul, Linda, Alan and Charles on the 4th November. It is not in any order of priority, just the order in which they came up! We were wondering if you would be interested in becoming involved in any of these and if so which one(s), or if you had other ideas which you would be keener to support. Our next meeting will be in the new year, when we will agree our 2010 programme. We would love to hear from you even if you just wanted to be removed from the group emails or just wanted to continue being a passive member for the time being. We do really want to have more people actively involved and if you have ideas which would help you to be, then please let me know.

1. **Electricity Pricing Campaign.**

Currently the more energy consumed the less it costs per unit which is no incentive to be efficient. Low energy users (who are often the least prosperous) are subsidising the high energy users. So in addition to it being a dis-incentive to use less energy it is a regressive policy in that the poor pay relatively more. It might be better if the price per unit increased as you used more electricity. What are the counter arguments? Is anyone else campaigning such as the Energy Saving Trust? We could contact ofgem, energy companies, other Transition Towns and start or join in a national campaign.

2. **Electricity to be generated by gym equipment.**

See if Mid Devon leisure centres could trial some equipment?

3. **Home Improvement Pack energy ratings.**

Personal experience has highlighted that HIP energy ratings tend to be inaccurate. This project would be to investigate how the energy ratings are calculated and make recommendations for improvement (at least to our local estate agents).

4. Explore possibilities for a **professional audit on Lords Meadow Leisure** and the subsequent development of an energy efficiency improvement plan

5. Have another **renewable energy open week end** along the lines of our 2008 event.

6. Have another **energy day** along the lines of our 2007 event - stalls, speakers, films etc

7. **Educate the general public on energy efficiency.** This could be based on the 10:10 campaign and having a Crediton energy reduction campaign, emphasising how to save money. Or could simply be encouraging local organisations eg schools, businesses, local councils etc to join the 10:10 campaign.

8. Develop a **local community renewable energy project** using whatever renewable resources are appropriate.

9. Have lists of **green suppliers** on the CCA website. This could become the Crediton Green Guide.

10. Have **awareness raising and info giving talks** by appropriate speakers including professionals from organisations such as DARE and the EST.