

WCA Energy Topic Group Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 1900 to 2030  
Record of actions

This was the first meeting of the WCA Energy topic group and was attended by eight members. We had a very interesting meeting where we were able to share experiences of setting up community energy schemes, bulk solar purchase schemes and the need to provide information on trusted suppliers. The following actions were agreed:

1. Christian to ask DR Nick Murry to provide an overview at the next meeting of how Zero Chippenham was able to produce a list of trusted suppliers of PV panels, using set criteria.
2. It was agreed that there was a need to encourage people to switch to renewable electricity suppliers such as Good Energy based in Chippenham – Shirley will prepare and circulate a press release.
3. There was also discussion regarding domestic RHI payments coming to an end in March 2022. It was suggested that local groups might help people to install Heat Pumps, or other renewable heating, especially in off-gas areas, soon, to take advantage of the scheme - To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
4. Christian to contact Ariane Crampton (Carbon Reduction – Wiltshire Council) to invite someone from WC to attend this topic group.
5. Christian to ask Ariane Crampton if they have received any more information from Govt regarding the Green Homes Grant Scheme – See following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme#eligibility>
6. Jason to send Christian information about the FoE Slack app with a view to considering WCA using a system to promote discussion and sharing of information.
7. Bath & West Community Energy to be invited to provide the Energy Topic Group a talk about what they have managed to achieve and can offer to members. This talk will then be publicized to all WCA members as could be very interesting. Adam to make contact.
8. Adam Walton has kindly agreed to become the chair of the Energy Topic Group and Sue Reed has also kindly agreed to become the Secretary – Both were thanked for taking on these roles. An admin meeting has been scheduled for 14.00 on 21/9/20 with Bill, Sue, Adam and Christian.
9. It was decided that the group should meet on a monthly basis (every third Tuesday of the month) the next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.
10. There was acknowledgement of the need for more work with businesses on energy issues.

The meeting was concluded at 2030.