

**Community Energy Contact Group meeting
10 September 2013, DECC**

Attendees

Peter Lipman, Community and Climate Action Alliance, Chair Transition Network (Chair)
Peter Capener, Bath and West Community Energy, Community Energy Practitioners' Forum
Garry Charnock, Ashton Hayes, Cheshire
Nigel Farren, Energise Barnet
Stephen Frankel, Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network
Dan McCallum, Awel Aman Tawe Community Energy, Wales
Agamemnon Otero, Brixton Energy, Repowering South London
Becky Willis, Independent Researcher and Community Energy Coalition
Barbara Hammond, Low Carbon Oxford
Nicholas Gubbins, Community Energy Scotland
Simon Sjenitzer, Eden Valley, Cumbria

Jim Robinson, Strategy Projects Team Leader DECC
Janos Suto, Community Energy Strategy DECC
Will Walker, Community Energy Strategy DECC
Ian King, Community Energy Strategy DECC
Zubaida Haque, Social Researcher DECC

Apologies

Melissa Smith, Community Energy Strategy DECC
Lara Phillips, Community Energy Strategy DECC

Note:

1) Community Energy Research Project update

Zubaida Haque updated the CECG on the research project being undertaken by Databuild for DECC and Consumer Futures.

2) Community Energy Modelling update

Janos Suto updated the CECG on the electricity generation modelling work that he and Pete C had been working on. A separate meeting has been scheduled with the CECG to discuss the modelling in more detail later in the month.

3) Community Energy Strategy

A policy options slidepack on the main workstreams of the Strategy – reduce, manage, purchase, generate, and cross-cutting – had been shared with the CECG in advance of the meeting.

There wasn't enough time to cover all of the CECG comments on the slidepack so it was agreed the team would accept collective comments from the group by the end of the week, and individual comments by end of Tues the week after.

The CECG gave positive feedback as a whole about the way DECC had broken down, analysed and presented the problem with the policy options slides. The CECG stressed their view about whether the policy options presented would fully address the systemic (policy and regulatory) changes that need to happen for community energy to become mainstream. Detailed discussions took place regarding the policy options (Restricted – not recorded in this note).