



Wessex Community Energy Network Meeting

Wiltshire Council

“Engaging with the Local Community”

16th May 2024 10:00 – 13:00

County Hall (Conference Suite), Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8BS

Provisional Agenda

Registration 09:30 Tea and Coffee available

10:00 Welcome to Wessex Community Energy Network event

Lesley Bennett, Chair WCEN

10:05 Welcome to Wiltshire Council & update from UK100 -

Cllr Richard Clewer (video presentation)

Introduction to Wiltshire Council’s Energy and Retrofit plans

Victoria Burvill, Climate Manager, Wiltshire Council

10:25 Update on the Community Energy Fund and support for the community energy sector in the South West

Katherine Rooney, Community Energy Manager, South West Net Zero Hub

10:45 National Grid & SSEN – grid capacity and investment process, and working with community energy groups

Emily Taylor, National Grid

Mark Taylor, Relationship Manager, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

11:05 Working with local communities & local energy markets

(online presentation)

Connie Duxbury, Community Renewables Manager, Younity

11:20 Refreshment Break

Retrofit Presentations and Discussion

11:40 Retrofit advice, training and support

Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE)

11:55 Retrofit projects

Wiltshire Climate Alliance (to be confirmed)

12:05 General Discussion and Questions to Panel

12:50 Summary

13:00 Close

Lunch: There is an on-site cafe or shops/cafes close by where lunch can be purchased. The conference room will be available to delegates until 2pm and lunch can be brought into the room.

About the Organisations

UK100 is a network of local leaders who have pledged to lead a rapid transition to Net Zero with Clean Air in their communities ahead of the government's legal target.

South West Net Zero Hub - funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, provides free strategic and technical support to the public sector and communities to support projects from the earliest stages of feasibility and development, through to investment readiness and delivery.

National Grid – energy company operating in the UK and the US. In the UK, owns the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales and the Electricity Distribution network covering East & West Midlands, Wales and the South West. Also owns the Electricity System Operator, balancing supply and demand across the UK.

SSEN, Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks – the electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) responsible for delivering power to homes and businesses across central southern England and the north of Scotland.

Younity - a joint venture between Octopus Energy and Midcounties Co-operative, set up solely to support the community energy sector.

Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) - The Futureproof Wiltshire Local Energy Advice Demonstrator (LEAD) project is one of 36 government-funded pilot schemes to provide in-person energy advice. The aim is to empower local organisations to become facilitators of retrofit and energy advice. CSE is Working with Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and Rural Communities Energy Network to support homeowners across Wiltshire facing barriers to engage with retrofit.

Wiltshire Climate Alliance – an umbrella organisation for groups and individuals in Wiltshire and Swindon to work together to promote action on the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

Getting to the Venue

By Train: Trowbridge Station is a 10 minute walk from County Hall

By Car: Visitors parking is available at the front of County Hall. Please park in the marked bays which are signposted (see map opposite) - visitor parking is available all day.

