

Transition Liskeard 'Open Space' Meeting 11th July 2008

Energy Notes

Objective:

As a minimum the town of Liskeard should match the national targets for CO2 reduction, namely 15% by 2020 and 50% by 2050. There is a debate currently whether the 2050 target should be 80%, in which case Liskeard should aim for the higher figure.

Ideally, with the right leadership, Liskeard should seek to satisfy its total energy demand from locally generated renewable energy sources or those further afield into which there is local (Liskeard) investment. Timescale for this to be agreed.

Main points of discussion:

1. to achieve anything significantly close to the above will demand political support from local authority groups, including Caradon District Council (CDC) or One Cornwall in the future, Liskeard Town Council, surrounding parish councils, local MP
2. if 1 above is to be achieved with the help of Transition Liskeard (TL), TL must gain credibility and influence by becoming organised and structured (without being constrained by process).
3. TL must send a 'delegation' to the LA groups with a view to seeking recognition at the outset and then a voice in town plan developments.
4. TL should organise visits to renewable energy projects (RE) projects – seeing is believing.
5. TL should instigate more community based RE projects, working with Community Energy Plus and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CEP/CSEP).
6. TL could/should link to existing programmes, including the South East Cornwall Tourism Association, possibly acting as a focal point of communication

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