

FEP mtg Zoom 4:00 18th April 2023

Attendees: RobF, Robin, John and Janet Pearce, Chris Gaskell, RobH, Tim Hughes, Lorely(notes).

Apologies: Charmian and Fliss. **Bold - actions and information.**

Accounts:

*Accounts: currently VAT being dealt with. **Charmian.**

*Loan agreement documentation from Low Carbon Fund. **Ongoing.** FEP up to date with repayments.

*Low Carbon Fund: need a report on benefits to Dracaena: **Robin and RobH.**

*Climate Change Charge ongoing.

Promotion:

*Claire Wallerstein: Cornwall community filmmaker. Current film on Energy: **Fliss and Lorely.**

*Articles and energy saving tips/articles requested to put on website. **Ongoing.**

*FEP Business cards: **RobF and Lorely.**

*Future events needing energy saving promotion: Armed Forces Day 23rd June and Tall Ships August. **Karen.**

*Social media support needed: contact RobF.

Strategy:

*Discussion as to current opportunities for Energy generation and Energy Advice:

*Energy Generation: It was considered that without large community funds and crowd funding it is very difficult for Community Energy Generation Initiatives (no longer feed-in tariffs and large commercial companies are out funding Community Initiatives).

***Chris** to contact Ripple Energy to check on their current activities and Cornish potential for them. (FEP can indicate several sites for wind)

*Energy Advice: Energy Advice either with Thermal Imaging and Green Homes or independent projects agreed by meeting to progress.

*Charmian's work on the RSEF Helston project (including Grid connection) valuable for Energy generation projects in the future.

Energy Advice: Thermal Imaging, Green Homes and Retrofit Project.

*Chris and Tim have been working on a £25k draft funding proposal and/or utilising the opportunity of 1 to 4 days reception space at Falmouth Town Council (venue offered by Karen at previous meeting). **Chris and Tim.**

*Chris has approached CEP to discuss a joint project.

*CEP leading a new Cornwall wide low carbon energy advisors project (includes WREN).

*John to produce a project spec for use of Falmouth Town Council resource.

Project Worker:

*Ongoing: **Charmian** to produce a draft personal spec for FEP mtg for a short contract self-employed project worker. Duties to include: Admin support. Website content. Campaigning. Energy advice. Community projects. Advice surgeries. Liaising with local and Cornwall Town Councils. Identifying reputable companies for energy work. Work up projects and Strategy.. (a focussed brief – possibly Green Homes project – with emphasis on communication skills. Influencing Policy and technical energy advice skills may be more difficult. (£5k for possible 6month project would work out at £100 per day, 2 days per week, currently intern wages). To consider: How to deliver the brief and how to fund ongoing position. Outcomes eg ? number of residents improving their homes etc.

Community initiatives:

*Stithians Heat the Streets project visit Thursday – several FEP members attending.

*'Retrofit in the Real World': day event Tremough Innovation Centre next week. Chris attending..

*Falmouth Town Council exploring installation of Solar panels on Princess Pavilion with CEP. ? **Karen.**

*Roseland 'Energy Local' project. **Charmian.** (Constantine initiative is following 'Roseland Energy Local' project).

*Cornwall Climate Action Network CIC. Meeting agreed to join group. **Lorely.**

*Falmouth and Penryn Area Community Network, Climate Action Steering Group. Climate Group is encouraging local activities to be added to **Atlas of Prosperity website.**

*Ships and Castles **Lorely** to again contact the CIC for Energy discussion.

*Meeting with Frank Bastin (Watson Marlow), **Lorely.**

*Café Sci: latest event this week with Claire Wallerstein.

Dracaena:

*Dracaena promotion: Short article to show reductions in costs and carbon. **Ongoing.**

*Cleaning of panels ongoing.

*Disruption due to onsite complication (mesh needed in front of dongle).

Misc:

*Falmouth Offshore Wind Initiative: **Tim** to get up to date info.

*Plymouth Energy Community and CEP making large funding bid.

Meeting finished 5: 30

Meetings: every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 4pm . Zoom. *Next meeting 16th May

*Agenda May: * Project Worker. *Strategy: *Plan celebration of 5 years Dracaena.. *Thermal Imaging and Green Homes.