

## TRANSITION BLACK ISLE MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 ENERGY GROUP REPORT

### General

There hasn't been an energy group meeting for some time, due to difficulties finding a date that suited everyone, followed by a period of single-minded activity on Greening Homes & Gardens.

### Greening Homes & Gardens Day

Penny kindly stepped in to help with this when the original organisers pulled out due to pressure at work, and Allan Mackenzie has also put a lot of work into arranging the homes.

The event is looking even better than last year, if I say so myself. There are 16 homes and gardens, 17 exhibitors, 3 seminars, 1 solar-powered boat and 1 conch (see website for explanation!).

Advertising has been booked on MFR and in the Ross-shire. Fliers have been sent out with an Energy Saving Trust mailing to Cromarty, distributed via Culbokie School, Anne Chance's egg boxes, and handed out at N. Kessock and Culbokie markets, the Black Isle Show, St. Boniface Fair and Fortrose Leisure Centre. There are still some fliers left, so if anyone's got a good way of using them, let me know (01349 877822).

Culbokie School will be doing teas at the hall.

We could do with more help at Findon Hall, volunteers please contact me.

### Smart Meters

Not very much to report – the community round finishes at the end of this month, so we need to start recruiting for the next round. No news yet from Fortrose Academy on how they intend to use the meters.

### Community Wind Farm

Some more progress has been made with this – three potential sites, probably for a single 1 MW turbine, have been identified, and it appears funds are available from Energy 4 All for early stage development work. This will become more of a priority once Greening Homes & Gardens is out of the way.

In the meantime, it seems as if the Councillors are continuing to pursue their own project, through the Black Isle Partnership.

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