

HoTT JoTTings

Working Towards Sustainable Living in the Holme Valley



Newsletter – November 2017

Martin Smith Memorial Talk 7.30pm 7th November, Holmfirth Civic Hall

Next Tuesday we have the opportunity to hear **Professor Matthew Paterson of Manchester University** talk about **'CULTURE, POLITICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: Remaking everyday life'**. An expert in climate change politics, he should help us think about how we can move towards a more sustainable way of living in the Holme Valley.

ALSO refreshments will be available, and you will be able to borrow books from HoTT's Library

By a significant coincidence, the talk is taking place on the second day of **COP23**, the annual meeting of nations concerned about tackling climate change. Fiji is acting as President this time but the meeting is taking place in Bonn to provide more space for delegates.

The Pacific Climate Warriors from the low-lying islands will be presenting a Declaration on Climate Change to the conference calling on the world to -

- end the fossil fuel era
- support delivery of the finance needed by countries facing irreversible loss
- kick the big polluters out of the talks
- and do what is needed to limit warming to 1.5C.

Copies of the Declaration will be available for us to support and sign on 7th November.

UK government climate change policy published - The Clean Growth Strategy for a Low Carbon future.

Last week the UK government published its long delayed response to the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) proposed five-year carbon budget. You find a summary at Carbon Brief <https://www.carbonbrief.org/in-depth-how-the-clean-growth-strategy-hopes-to-deliver-uk-climate-goals>).

The title "strategy" indicates that the document is tentative. **The CCC says the UK is off-track** towards achieving the UK's legal commitment to cut our greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

There are policy gaps, which should be filled in the next few years. The extent to which

proposed cuts in this carbon budget will be effective has not yet been calculated. If need be the government would depend on our "flexibilities". The CCC disapproves of this.

Emissions from power and industry are not covered as they are currently part of an EU scheme which we are expected to leave. The government will monitor progress and publish annual scorecards.

The areas probably of greatest interest to us:

Home efficiency - this accounts for 13% of UK emissions. It is expected that new policies will substantially cut this by 2032. All fuel poor homes and privately rented ones should have reached the required standard by 2030. £3.6bn will be spent on 1m homes. Little detail yet.

Low carbon heat - heat for homes, businesses and industry accounts for nearly half of energy use and a third of all UK carbon emissions. Groundwork for planning cuts in demand to be done in this parliament. The Renewable Heat Incentive will focus on long-term decarbonisation. £10m to be spent on new approaches.

Electricity sector - 21% of UK emissions. Off-shore wind and on-shore on Scottish islands will compete for £557m. The government will update its approach to small scale renewables "later this year".

Transport Emissions - 24% of UK emissions. Almost zero progress in reducing this since 1990. £1bn will be spent to drive up the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs)

One way to meet the fifth carbon budget could be for at least 30% of new cars being ULEVs by 2030.

Recycling – What's it all about?

HoTT are holding a Recycling event with the **Fair Trader shop** at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening 8th November 2017 in the shop on the Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 2JS.

John Queening will be giving a talk on why we should recycle our wastes, how it is done in England, and what products can be made from recycling our valuable but limited resources.

Come along and find out more, as well seeing some of the attractive recycled fairtrade products sold in the FairTrader shop. **Upcycling is the way to go!**

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Tickets £5 including a drink from Fair Trader shop or online at <http://fairtrader.coop/product/recycling-talk/>

HoTT Edible

Have a look at Edible's first growing site next to Longley's Café in Holmfirth. Lots of vegetables growing there – pick some yourself or look out for the basket inside the Library/Information service building. Find out more about our plans for more growing in 2018 on the HoTT website:

<http://hott.org.uk/hott-edible/>



If you want to help or want more information, do get in touch

HoTTWind@Longley – Community Wind Turbine project update

At the end of its first full year of operation under community ownership, the wind turbine continues to perform well with generation and income for Year 2 slightly higher than that planned.

For the whole of Year 2, power generation was 561.5 MWh against a target of 533.5 MWh. Availability was 97.3% against a target of 97%, with annual utilisation 30.1% against the planned yearly average utilisation of 29.5%.

The wind turbine has provided power equivalent to the electricity consumption of some 190 homes.



Carbon savings for the whole year are estimated at about 244 tonnes, helping our transition to a low carbon future.

The Bright Green Community Trust

Surplus funds from the HoTTWind@Longley community wind turbine are donated each year to the **Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)**. The funds are administered by One-Community, the Kirklees Foundation Trust on behalf of the BGCT and its trustees (who are appointed by HoTT and Longley Farm).

These community funds are to support local green projects that reduce carbon emissions and contribute towards a more sustainable future for the Holme Valley South community.



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An awards and celebration evening was held on 17th October 2017 in Honley Village Hall, attended by the BGCT awards panel, some HoTTWind Members, representatives of One-Community and of those organisations who had received awards in 2017.



Recipients of the 11 organisations who had received awards were presented by with certificates by Janet Williams, chair of the BGCT awards panel. The representatives also spoke about their projects and what they had done so far with the award monies.



Details of the individual awards, totalling £15,000, are as follows:

Applicant	Amount awarded £	Brief purpose of grant
1st Holme Valley (Holmfirth) Scouts	1,000	Replace lighting with energy efficient LEDs & replace floodlighting
Earthworks	1,350	Buy and erect a wooden shelter
Fairandfunky CIC	700	Pilot an educational project
Friends of Honley	500	Adopt two areas of land: Moorbottom and Mag Fields
Friends of Wooldale Junior School	2,000	Purchase gardening equipment
Holmfirth Methodist Church	2,000	Installation of six more double glazed units in the worship area of the church

Honley Village Community Trust	1,000	Replace water heating boiler
HoTT Incredible Edible Group	2,000	An initial showcase community planting area to generate interest in the creation of further areas
River Holme Connections	500	Purchase of tables and chairs, computer, and equipment
Streetbikes	2,000	Set up a recycling project
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	1,950	Materials and Equipment

Details of the Bright Green Community Trust and funding award criteria can be found on the Kirklees One-Community website:

<http://www.one-community.org.uk/looking-for-funding/bright-green-community-trust.php>

Please pass on this information to any individuals or local groups who may be interested in applying for BGCT funding in 2018.

HoTT Communications

It is about a year since HoTT's website <http://hott.org.uk/> had a facelift, and we would welcome your comments.

We would like you to tell us what you think. How often do you consult the website? When you do, is it useful? Is it easy to navigate? Is it informative? Interesting? What improvements would you like to see, to the website or to our other forms of communication. We are hoping to make further changes to our communications soon. Thank you.

Email us on info@hott.org.uk with any comments or suggestions

Footpaths Community Carbon Programme

Do you want to reduce your carbon footprint? **Now could be a good time.** Call Janet at 01484 686912 or email janet@hott.org.uk

Janet Williams