

# HoTT JoTTings

Working Towards Sustainable Living in the Holme Valley



## Newsletter – January 2019

A New Year begins – best wishes to all our 400+ supporters for 2019 from the HoTT Management team. The year ended on a high for us with the Bright Green Community Trust awards evening, and then 70+ people attending Cllr Andrew Cooper's talk and lively discussion, about the UN Climate Change Conference in Poland.



Another positive was the publication of the government's long awaited waste strategy – see news items below. However, plenty of challenges remain...in addition to Brexit!

### A new Resources and Waste Strategy!

The UK government published its new **Resources and Waste Strategy** in December 2018 – it's over 10+ years since the last one. It has been general welcomed by the green movement, with some bold and radical solutions promoted.



The objective of the strategy is to build the 'circular economy' through minimising waste and maximising the value of its resource use, and sets the following targets:

- **All plastic packaging to be reused, recycled or compostable by 2025**
- **Food waste to landfill to end by 2030**
- **Plastic waste eliminated over 25 years**

➤ **Double resources from waste productivity by 2050**

➤ **All avoidable waste eliminated by 2050**

To achieve these targets, the key actions are:

- **Polluters pay - producers will pay the full net cost of dealing with their packaging, and later their other wastes.**
- **Council collections - consistency and ambition needed to drive up recycling from households and business.**
- **Plastic and food waste - issues to be tackled head on by regulation, taxation and incentives, to reduce/eliminate.**
- **Sustainable production – supporting the reuse/remake industry through deposit schemes, good design, R&D, consumer incentives**
- **Tackling waste crime - tracking of wastes and stiffer penalties**

For more information, see website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england>

Our **HoTT Recycling group** are looking into how we can do more recycling locally and also how we can encourage the production and use of recycled goods/resources. If you are interested in joining us or finding out more, please email [info@hott.org.uk](mailto:info@hott.org.uk) or call us.

### Climate Change action by Leeds LEP

As world leaders gathered in Poland for the COP24 international climate change conference, the **Leeds City Region, of which we are part, set out on a path to becoming one of the world's first zero carbon energy economies.**

**"Nearly 12% of the country's electricity is generated in Leeds City Region and 31% of this is from renewable or low carbon sources. Our energy sector employs 7,900 people and contributes £918million to the UK economy. If we could bring our City Region in line with global emission reduction targets, we could generate over £11 billion and create 100,000 jobs. That's an economic prize worth fighting for, which underlines how a strong economy and a cleaner environment can go hand in hand".** Yorkshire Post on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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A new Energy Strategy was adopted on 22<sup>nd</sup> December by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The benefits of this plan to our local region will be:

- **Reduced CO2 emissions**
- **Lower energy costs for businesses and organisations**
- **Increased competitiveness through lower energy costs for businesses**
- **Reduction in fuel poverty and increase in associated health benefits**
- **Regional approach to delivery of new clean growth economic opportunities i.e. supply chains and jobs and increase productivity**
- **Clear articulation of City Region energy strengths and opportunities**
- **Improved air quality**
- **Increased revenue**
- **Retention of businesses**
- **Increased inward investment**

For more information on the LEP's plans see this link: <http://www.the-lep.com/news-and-blog/news/leeds-city-region%E2%80%99s-ambition-to-be-among-world%E2%80%99s-f/>

The Leeds LEP is intending to deliver a **Leeds City Region Energy Summit in spring 2019** – HoTT are planning to attend. If you are interested in joining us or hearing more, please email us on [info@hott.org.uk](mailto:info@hott.org.uk)

## It's Getting Cold!

Our next **Affordable Warmth** stall will be at Holmfirth Library from 10am till 12 noon on Friday morning 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you know anyone who has become aware during this cold weather of unfamiliar draughts in their home, do let them know that we have draught excluders to give away free and we should be pleased to see them.

Later dates will be February 8th and March 8th, both at the same venue.

## Bright Green Community Trust 2018

An awards ceremony was held on 21st November at the Holmfirth Tech for recipients of the 2018 BGCT community funds awards.



Some £15,000 from the annual profits of the community wind turbine, HoTTWind@Longley, was distributed by the Trust among 8 local community groups, via Kirklees One-Community.

Bright Green Community Trust 2018 Awards		
Applicant	Amount awarded	Brief purpose of grant
1st Holme Valley scouts	<b>£1,999</b>	Create a wild community growing area
Fairandfunky CIC	<b>£900</b>	Put on school workshops, with a 'smoothie' bike
Friends of Hade Edge school	<b>£2,000</b>	Equipment to set up forest school activities
Holmfirth Methodist Church	<b>£2,272</b>	Installation of LED lighting inside and outside church
Holmfirth Tech community hub	<b>£2,000</b>	Replacement of lighting with LEDs to save energy costs
HoTT Recycling Group	<b>£1,523</b>	Produce a local HV recycling directory of places to take hard-to-recycle wastes
St Johns Church Upperthong	<b>£2,700</b>	Replacement of halogen lighting with LEDs to save energy costs
Thongsbridge Tennis Club	<b>£2,000</b>	Replacement lighting system using LEDs

Further details of the Bright Green Community Trust fund can be found on the One Community website:

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

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