

Transition Horsham

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Meeting on 31st March - Feed-in Tariffs and the Renewable Heat Incentive

At the March meeting Trevor Marshall gave a talk on renewable energy, mainly centred around solar panels, and explained how the Government Feed-in Tariffs and Renewable Heat Incentive cash back scheme works. This led to a lengthy discussion on the merits of solar panels, their cost (and installation) and the Government cash back scheme. Current tariffs are in place until April 2012, but after this date the amount of cash back will be reduced.

Trevor put forward the idea that TH could start a Solar Buying Group - the "Horsham 100". If there were enough people in the Horsham area interested in installing panels they could be purchased in bulk which would bring down the cost and probably the cost of installation could be discounted as well.

In further discussion it emerged that Germany is about 10-15 years ahead of us with their renewable energy programme - the price of their solar panels is much lower than in the UK so if we could purchase panels from Germany and have them transported to the UK that could be a viable option to reduce costs.

For more information, the slides accompanying Trevor's talk are available [here](#).

Earth Hour

TH and Greening had a stand in the Carfax on 26th March to raise awareness of Earth Hour. Several visitors to the stand said they were keen on gardening but would like some practical help and advice and wondered whether TH could help them. Also, some people were interested in having an Ecofair - but on a smaller scale than the one previously held in Horsham Park.

Forthcoming Events:

9th May Steering Group meeting.

11th May – Green Drinks, The Crown, Carfax, 7.30pm

26th May Green Movies

There will not be a general meeting in April but each group will be working independently on ideas for the September event (date to be decided) to be held in the Friends Meeting House.

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