

Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy Partnership

Terms of reference for Warwickshire & Coventry Biomass Heating Support Group

Background

Following the Energy West Midlands funded biomass heating feasibility studies done by the Marches Wood Energy Network, a market development event was held on 30th May 2006 at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell Hall.

There was considerable interest in establishing a biomass supply infrastructure in the county, and making it easier for public building projects to incorporate biomass into building energy systems. 16 of the organisations that were represented at the event expressed an interest in participating in a local biomass heating support group.

The Warwickshire & Coventry Biomass heating Support Group was subsequently initiated and had its first meeting on the 4th December 2006.

The Warwickshire & Coventry Biomass Heating Support Group will meet quarterly to:

1. Support organisations in Warwickshire and Coventry that wish to implement biomass heating systems resulting from the feasibility studies.
2. Encourage and support other organisations in Warwickshire and Coventry that wish to investigate the potential for biomass heating systems.
3. Encourage and support those organisations in Warwickshire and Coventry that will be involved in the provision of fuel for any installed biomass system.
4. Encourage and support organisations from elsewhere that are involved in the development of supply chains within Warwickshire and Coventry.
5. Encourage and support those organisations that will be involved in the provision of training and skills development to ensure there is an adequate skills base to enable the growth of biomass systems in Warwickshire and Coventry.
6. Provide a forum to discuss and resolve the barriers to implementation.
7. Facilitate wider stakeholder engagement.
8. Secure funding for the implementation of this group's activities.
9. Ensure the actions of this Group are transparent and available to all.

Agreed at the xxx meeting of the Warwickshire and Coventry Biomass Heating Support Group on xxxxxxxx.

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