

Delivering the Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy 2010

Discussion notes on large scale renewable energy

- **collated comments from a variety of people in the WCCP about larger scale renewable energy for Warwickshire**
- 'Whole life' issues should be considered alongside the demands of national targets.
- A balanced viewpoint is important, we need to have an even debate.
- We should be brave and transparent enough to listen to both sides of the debate.
- It would be useful for the partnership to have an understanding of the concerns and activities of both pro and anti renewable energy groups as activity from both sides will inevitably be part of the decision making process.
- It would be useful to hear from one of the anti wind farm campaigners.
- It would be useful to hear from a wind farm developer.
- It would be good to find out more about the the PPS1 low carbon and renewable energy assessment work undertaken by consultants for local planners as this evidence will feed into core strategies; community investment in renewable energy systems; view points for and against any particular technology etc.
- I would welcome a professional debate and I would be happy to participate as this would increase my knowledge.
- We should have a discussion focussed on meeting Warwickshire's targets and the merits of technologies within that frame of reference.
- We should distinguish between 'not at all' and 'not in my back yard' arguments with a look at 'what else instead' and/or where.
- A separate meeting about larger scale renewables in the county would be a good idea.
- WCCP is an information network with no lobby activity. I fear that our successful format of info exchange of what's going on in the county would be lost if replaced with debate. Not against debate but in a different forum to WCCP.
- WCCP were formed to support methods of climate change reduction , elimination, and mitigation. If anyone has some proposals to deliver the necessary energy at an economic cost for the community when the supply and social pressures eliminate fossil fuel use , then I would think we want to hear it.

