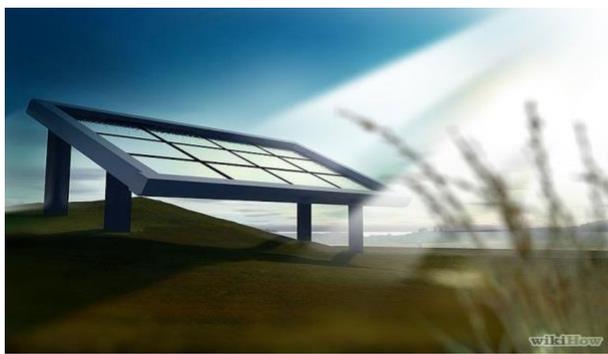


THE READING SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE --- NEWSLETTER October 2014

Helping to make Reading a better place

Community Energy Fortnight



Members of The Reading Sustainability Centre group met at Caversham weir on Saturday 20th Sept as part of the 2nd UK Community Energy Fortnight (ukcec.org). We shared updates on our aim to establish a sustainability centre to demonstrate ecological, environmental and sustainable themes. The weir is where we plan to harness the power of the River Thames to produce hydroelectricity to power the centre.

Steering group meetings

We meet monthly to discuss various issues related to budget, agendas, roles and responsibility and future courses of action. Please sign up as a member on our website and then you can view the minutes of those and other meetings.

RVA Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers coming forward through RVA who are helping with various aspects of our project.

Working with Reading Museum

Brendan Carr, the community engagement officer at Reading Museum, invited us for an exploratory meeting, in which we realised that we were thinking along similar lines. They are aiming to produce a multimedia installation showing the “Hopes and dreams for the future of Reading” and exhibit it next year. This will include elements of the natural environment, sustainability and health & wellbeing. They plan to hold a meeting later in the year with the interested parties from local community groups to encapsulate a joint vision which will then be interpreted into an exhibition.

Funding

We were awarded a Naturesave Trust grant of £500 to help us with start-up costs and disbursements arising from the formation of our CIC.

Open Meeting

We plan to hold an open meeting in early January 2015 where everyone is welcome to come and find out where we are up to with the hydro and sustainability centre. More information will follow.

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