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Will Cottrell Brighton Energy Cooperative & Big Lemon Bus

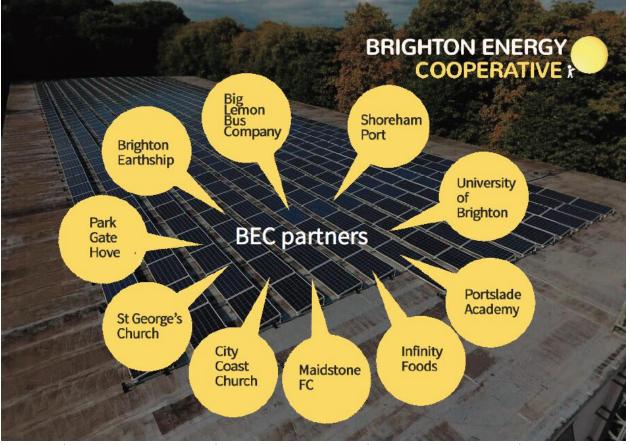
































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Transport

Brighton gears up for new fleet of solarpowered buses

A fleet of 10 electric buses operating around town will be charged overnight at a bus depot which has solar panels on its roof

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(i) Somen ideas, yellow buses: Will Cottrell of the Brighton Everyy Cooperative (left) and Tom Druitt, managing. director of The Big Lemon. Photograph. The Big Lemon

The bright yellow Big Lemon buses are a familiar sight - and smell - on the roads of Brighton and Hove. For nine years the Community Interest Company has run all its vehicles on waste cooking oil from local restaurants, recycled into biodiesel, but now it wants to go one step further.

The Big Lemon wants to install solar panels on the roof of its east Brighton depot, storing the energy in batteries and charging buses overnight. It is working with the Brighton Energy Cooperative (BEC) towards a vision of zero emissions bus consider in current IIV community by 2020, using Brighton or a pilot







BRIGHTON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Bus: £250k bond issue Solar PV: £13k crowd fund (162 people)

Match funding: £12.5k M&S fund



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