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Community Energy in Greater Manchester. Signs for Optimism?
Optimistic?
Welcome to Manchester!
Powering Down Together
Community Green Deal
Case Study Summary

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- 50% reduction in gas use
- 60% carbon emissions
- £1,000 energy bill savings
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My Home Energy Planner

The first step on your whole house retrofit journey.
My Home Energy Planner is an in depth survey carried out by our award winning retrofit consultant URIED.

We'll chat with you to understand how you currently live in your home, look at your current fuel bills and understand your priorities. Your report outlines the detailed improvements you need to significantly save on fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions.

Your report:
- A bespoke, 40+ page report on your home’s retrofit potential
- A detailed set of costed improvements drawn up to your budget and priorities
- Whole House – considering comfort, health and ventilation alongside energy
- A wealth of information to help inform your retrofit works
- Follow-up support and advice

Priced at £230, My Home Energy Planner is designed to be used on entire house retrofit projects. Many others have used the report to inform projects from low and DIY scale to over £100,000.

Developed over the past five years, our assessment methodology based on full thermally deep surveys and has been tested and validated against real retrofit projects.

To book an assessment visit www.carbon.coop/etheap or call 0845 146 6402.
Culture
Peer support
Jonathan Atkinson @lowwintersun - 2h
Ahead of speaking at #CEF17 I’m asking people to tweet me their optimism out of 10 for the future of #CommunityEnergy & explain their score

Marianne Heaslip @marianneheaslip - 2m
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_ and 6 others
8/10 when I think about the economics and tech. 4/10 when I think about the politics (and remember that Gove is at DEFRA).

Simon Poulter @viralinfo - 51m
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_ and 9 others
8/10 more creative stuff with low voltage

Paul Monaghan @PaulJMonaghan - 7m
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_ and 8 others
5/10 Glass exactly half full and empty. All depends on a political shift that allows onshore wind & solar farms to realise planning

Dominic Zapaman @Zapaman - 49m
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_ and 8 others
I’d say 7 out of 10 for next 5yrs; costs will slowly come down, innovation and new opportunities will arise. Community groups are V creative

Linda Hurrell @LindaHurrell - 41m
Replying to @lowwintersun @Zapaman and 9 others
8 out of 10. Because 80% of our energy should be small scale, community owned and regionally networked. No room for the Big 6 in the future!

Julian Istar @JulianIstar - 44m
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_ and 9 others
7/10 More people are micro-generating won’t take long for people to click that communally they can pool generating capacity
Plym Energy Com @plymenergycom 6h
Replying to @lowwintersun
blind faith perhaps...but if we didn't have it we would all be doing something else...wouldn't we?

Plym Energy Com @plymenergycom 6h
Replying to @lowwintersun
a rose tinted 8

Alex Hartley @alexharteco 21h
Replying to @lowwintersun @CommEnergyLDN and 10 others
7.6 I started 15 years ago talking abt doing community energy & at various point heard it is any to die off but now further along than ever

Emma Bridge @emmabridge_1 5h
Loving the high levels of optimism you're getting back ahead of tomorrow! My vote is 8/10 simply because of the people involved

Regen Communities @RSWcommunities 6h
Replying to @lowwintersun
9/10 what doesn't kill us makes us stronger!

Rose Hedges @RoseHedges 21h
Replying to @lowwintersun @alexharteco and 10 others
3/10 - no signs of political change to reverse cuts in support. Will gradually kill wider industry and push up costs sadly.

Ben Aylott @beaylott 21h
Replying to @lowwintersun @EdGommon and 8 others
6/10 - sector still needs to adapt more to new policy environment and opps in smart energy and batteries. Sector bodies have important role.

Andy Hunt @solar_bud 18h
Replying to @lowwintersun @beaylott and 8 others
7 - all the trends favour community energy, decentralisation, storage, smart tech. But govt will try to find a way to suppress it probably.

Leo Murray @crisortunity 7h
Replying to @lowwintersun @emmabridge_1 and 3 others
6/10 - like wading thru treacle now but we're all in full R&D mode so...
Centrica sells last big UK power stations

British Gas owner looks to focus on services and smaller, flexible electricity plants
Reasons for wary:

1. Burnout
2. Technical capacity
3. Service focus
Reasons for optimism:
1. Community facing
2. Dynamic
3. Collective
Thank you

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