What we do and why we do it

Put...the heart of the energy system

Our vision:
A thriving community energy sector integrated into and truly powering a fair, zero carbon energy system

Our mission:
To help active community energy organisations implement new projects, innovate, improve and grow

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Strategic Objectives

1. Make politicians, national and local government officials aware of community energy benefits, needs, opportunities and policy obstacles
2. Provide opportunities & mechanisms for active practitioners in all parts of England to connect, learn, share business models and help each other overcome obstacles

Detailed Objectives

Host forums and events in which practitioners can interact directly
Gather and publish up-to-date guidance about business models, innovations, running organisations and overcoming obstacles
Facilitate connections between practitioners, stakeholders, policy makers and journalists
Influence policy and regulation
Resolve structural obstacles and live issues affecting or impeding the sector
Represent the sector in working and stakeholder groups
Gather detailed information about the sector and its benefits

Activities

Practitioners Forum (Loomio)
Events & webinars
Newsletters & social media
How To section on our website
Promote member share offers, new projects & achievements
Correspondence with members, external comms & introductions
Collaborations with other community, environmental & energy organisations
Respond to policy consultations and calls for evidence
Provide tools so members can connect with & lobby MPs and local authorities
Directly lobbying government, regulators & other policymakers
Engage with stakeholders when live or potential issues affect CE orgs
Commission and support research into the sector and its potential

Impact

Practitioners communicate with, learn from and support others in the sector and obtain assistance, advice & examples of good practice
Sector builds knowledge and implements business models and innovation, becoming more resilient and able to innovate
Practitioners can access the stakeholders, partners, collaborators and investors they need to design, fund and implement projects
Practitioners find it easier to innovate and implement new projects, with fewer obstacles to overcome
Government & regulator understand, value and partner with community energy, creating supportive policies
DNOs and other energy stakeholders prioritise community energy approach
The community energy sector is trusted and attractive to potential partners and investors

Outcomes

Community energy organisations create and implement innovative new projects and play an active and important role in the transition to a fair, zero carbon energy system