

Annual General Meeting

SW Carbon Action Network | Taunton | 13 July 2010



Report

- 72 Full Members (local government officers)
- 30 Associate Members
- RIEP bid - on, off, on, off... and now on again!
- Professional development programme
- Email updates
- Four Members' meetings

New leaflet

Introducing the Carbon Action Network

South West Carbon Action Network

reducing carbon emissions & fuel poverty

The Carbon Action Network

CAN now covers the wider domestic carbon footprint, with the option to embrace the whole carbon footprint agenda as our membership expands with officers from related areas such as planning, transport and waste management.

We focus mainly on climate change mitigation but also address education and fuel poverty. We maintain our core objectives and activities, providing leadership, promotion and support for local government climate change and fuel poverty officers, sharing information and best practice and building partnerships with other sectors.

CAN is a network of local authority officers for local authority officers since 1997.

The Carbon Action Network was launched at the ISA conference in 2006. We began life as the RIEPCA Forum in 1997, bringing together officers with Home Energy Conservation Act responsibilities.

We are a formally constituted, representative and expert body of officers, contributing to consultations on national policy and programme delivery.

The network consists of nine English regions plus Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Each region elects a Chair who represents that region at the national executive.

The south west region holds four members meetings per year and provides regular email updates to full and associate members.

Associate members are partner organisations such as energy companies, energy agencies, manufacturers and installers.

www.carbonactionnetwork.org.uk

Our magazine CARBON ACTION NEWS is published regularly and available as a PDF download from our website.

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Carbon Action Network

If you have responsibility for National Indicators 185, 186, 187 or 188 we are the network for you!

To join simply contact our Secretariat. You will be added to our mailing list and invited to our meetings. You will also receive our national magazine and our email updates.

Join Us

Accounts 2009/10

Forecast Budget				Forecast Expenditure						
Actual Budget				Actual Expenditure						
Receipts	Name	Details	Budget	Actual	Payments	Name	Details	Budget	Actual	
Date					Date					
1st Quarter										
	Opening Balance			£3,855.00	4/1/09	Tone Leisure	Roomhire	£	117.50	£ 117.50
4/3/09	Interest		£	0.78	5/5/09	Westcountry Energy Action	Treasurer Role	£	230.00	£ 230.00
5/5/09	Interest		£	0.78	5/7/09	Queens Hotel	Roomhire	£	225.00	£ 225.00
6/5/09	Interest		£	0.83						
2nd Quarter										
7/5/09	Interest		£	0.71	7/21/09	Colin Anderson	Train Tickets	£	77.00	£ 77.00
8/5/09	Interest		£	0.84	9/15/09	Behrouse Theatre & Arts Centre	Roomhire and refreshments	£	760.96	£ 760.96
9/4/09	Interest		£	0.76						
3rd Quarter										
10/5/09	Interest		£	0.70	10/12/09	Colin Anderson	Train Tickets	£	104.50	£ 105.00
11/5/09	Interest		£	0.76						
12/5/09	Interest		£	0.68						
4th Quarter										
1/5/10	Interest		£	0.73	1/11/10	Colin Anderson	Train Tickets	£	57.00	£ 57.00
2/5/10	Interest		£	0.70						
3/5/10	Interest		£	0.64						
Totals			£	0.00	£	9,883.93		£	1,671.96	£ 1,671.96
Bank balance £								8,291.97		

National CAN

- Now sponsored by Climate Energy
- Three one-day conferences this year
- Torbay conference in 2011?
- Executive meeting in London tomorrow
- Links with LGA, DECC, Defra, various Parliamentary groups, NEA, EEPH, etc.

National network



Network magazine



Election of Officers

- Chair (currently Colin Anderson)
- Vice Chair (currently Erica Pretty)
- currently no Secretary or Treasurer: tasks largely undertaken by NEA (Secretariat) and Energy Action Devon (book keeping)
- Executive is Chair plus one person from each 'county', seven in total:

Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset/BANES

Membership fee proposal

- Proposal from the Executive Committee
- Annual fee for Associate Members
- If agreed, to apply from April 2011
- Fee for discussion, but suggested £50 - £100 pa
- Provides agenda spot & exhibition opportunity

Membership database

- Needs further improvement & updating
- Thanks to all those who responded to email
- Name, address, telephone, mobile (if poss.), email, job title
- Available to Executive only, NOT given to third parties
- Expect mailshot with information pack by September

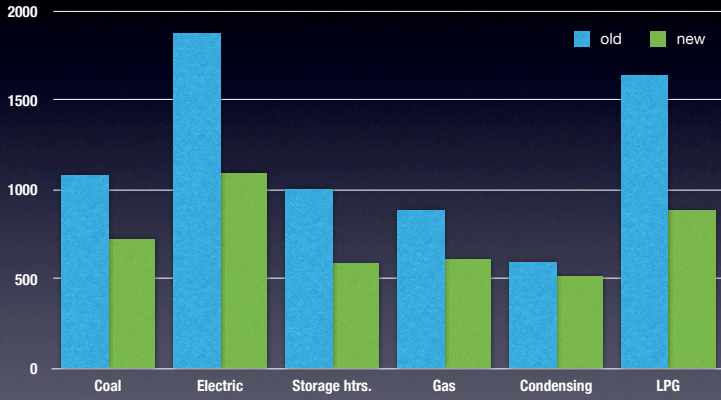
NEWS

SW Carbon Action Network

CERT extended

- extended from March 2011 to December 2012
- additional 108 million tonnes CO₂ saved
- energy inefficient homes could save £550pa
- 15% of homes must be 'lowest income' & most at risk of fuel poverty
- est. 3.5 million more homes will be insulated

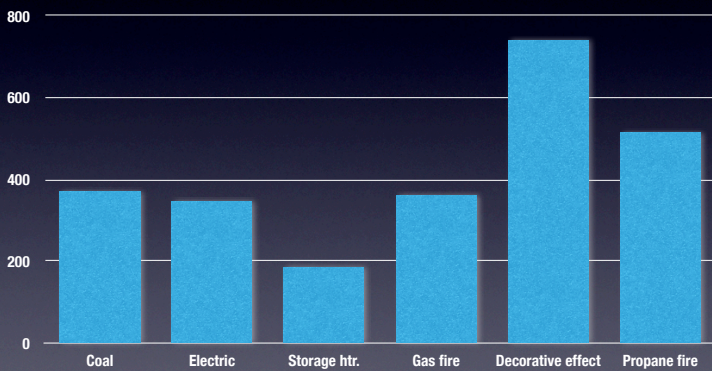
Central heating costs



Source: Sutherland Tables May 2010. 'New' are homes built to current Building Regs. 'Coal' is grade A housecoal. 'Storage Heaters' are on Economy 7 tariff.

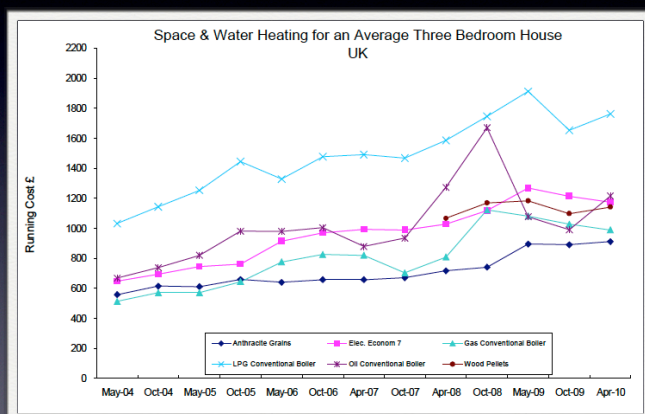
Room heating costs

Cost of heating an average sized room (£ per year)



Source: Sutherland Tables May 2010. 'Gas fire' is radiant/convector fire. 'Decorative effect' gas fire. 'Coal' is grade A housecoal. 'Storage Heater' on Economy 7 tariff.

Central heating costs 2004-10



Source: Sutherland Tables May 2010.

RHI uncertainty

- LCBP ended before a replacement in place
- only 0.6% of UK heat from renewables
- needs to rise to 12% by 2020
- RHI expected to increase domestic gas bills by 12% & industry gas bills by 20%
- commentators & industry confident that some form of support will be announced

RHI: Minister statement

Greg Barker, Minister of State for Climate Change:

“Clearly there are benefits to the scheme but we must consider the impact of the costs, particularly given the financial constraints we must work within and the potential impact that funding options could have on vulnerable people.”

Councils selling electricity

- Statement by Climate Change Secretary Chris Huhne (7th July):

“It’s ridiculous that the 1976 Local Government Act prevents councils from selling electricity from local wind turbines, or from anaerobic digestion.

I want to see this repealed and by the end of the year I hope local authorities will be able to sell electricity from renewables – generating revenue to help local services and keep Council Tax down. Local communities can truly benefit from the low-carbon transition.”

Renting roof space for PV

- Much interest in LAs/RSLs renting roof space to produce electricity
- Benefits for tenants and landlord
- 'Fully funded' deals coming forward
- Follow discussion thread on Public Sector Carbon Network:

<http://lanetwork.carbontrust.co.uk/>



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