

Workshop

Syndicated services and shared resources to manage community energy schemes

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Who are RenewEV?

Zero carbon technology consultancy specializing in renewable energy

Dedicated community energy development team, focused on developing projects for the community sector

Supporting new and existing community businesses

Supported by in-house technical multi-disciplinary consultancy team

Based in Wiltshire and covering the Midlands, South West, South Wales and Southern England



Challenges in Community Energy market

- Identifying suitable projects
- Raising funding to develop projects
- Accessing grid capacity and keeping up with the changes in the grid
- Creating a fundable entity capable of delivering the project and then operating it
- Obtaining appropriate technical commercial, legal advice
- Selling power to local people from projects
- Access to appropriate case studies in operation



What other challenges do you see?



Some potential sources of help

- CEF grant funding – South West Net Zero Hub – source of funding and case study information
- Community Energy England – Energy learning Network – range of resources and events to share information among the sector
- Yunity – funding options, source of volunteers through online platform Community Connect
- Specialist organisations familiar with the sector to help develop projects and set up community organisations
- Cooperatives UK – advice on how to set up a cooperative
- Wessex Community Energy Network events 😊



Options for collaboration

- Partnering communities and working together to develop projects (e.g. BWCE and BEC working with grass roots groups in parishes within their community areas)
- Partnering with established Bencoms near you (e.g. BWCE and Zero North Wilts)
- Learning from templates of similar projects through CEF or other Bencoms:
 - Legal templates
 - Commercial models
 - Financial models
- Partner with other organisations in your community:
 - Businesses
 - Parish or local authorities
 - E.g. Chippenham, CEEAG and Community Environment Forum



What other opportunities can you think of?

