

Community Energy Forum – Oct 7th 2009



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- What does Wedmore Green Group (WGG) do?
- What are we planning
- ACE & Warm Streets
- Top 5 tips
- Conclusion

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What do we do now?

- Our Mission
- Awareness Raising - Questionnaire / Isle of Wedmore News / Email Group / Events / Leaflets / Filmshows / Open Green Homes and Gardens / Green Fair 2009 / Pass it On Books
- Recycling - Improve facilities / Freecycle Day / Freecycle.org / Big Tidy Up
- Energy - Solar purchasing schemes / Eco Meters/Info Sheets
- Food - Low food miles cook book – 'Is it local'
- Carbon Sink / Fuel - Community Woodland
- Transport - Safe Routes to School
- Plastic Bag Free Village

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WGG in action



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What are we planning?

- Renewable Energy/Insulation Grant Scheme
- Environmental Lifestyle Audit
- Car Club/Sharing/Electric Car Charge Points
- More work with schools
- Cycle Routes to schools – Blackford & Cheddar
- Forest Garden
- Wedmore Goes Nuts
- Landshare
- Environmental books for mobile library

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- Clubbing together with nearby groups
- Improve idea sharing
- Warm Streets
- Increase insulation
- Earn ACE some training/support from CSE



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Top 5 tips for making it work?

- Communication (email, parish mag every month, press)
- Regular Meetings (that are well run, agenda/minutes/actions)
- Action & less talk + walk first then run
- Fundraising/Money
- Involve as many people as possible – get out there into the community and talk

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Conclusion

Better to light a single candle than curse the darkness.

Questions?

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