



The Centre for Sustainable Energy is an independent national charity, established in 1979 to tackle climate change and end the misery of cold homes | [www.cse.org.uk](http://www.cse.org.uk)

## Support for neighbourhood planning

The Centre for Sustainable Energy does practical work to support households and communities to take action on energy, alongside original research and analysis to inform local and national policy.

We work at the **interface of people, planning and technology** to help secure a sustainable energy system that meets our present and future needs. Our 45 staff are based in Bristol and work with partners and clients across the UK.

We are one of the UK's leading specialists in engaging communities in energy issues and supporting them to create successful local energy projects.

### What we offer ...

- Neighbourhood planning support
- Low carbon planning presentations, workshops and training
- Public engagement and consultation
- Bespoke support with onshore wind planning requirements
- Site-specific planning support
- Technical consultancy and energy audits
- Energy strategy and planning support
- Evidence to support energy policy through housing, renewable energy resource and heat demand assessments

### Pricing

While our online resources are free, we charge for support outside of our funded programmes. Planning support typically costs £50 per hour or £350 per day, plus VAT and any direct costs.

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# Our services. Making plans and policies

We can provide bespoke support, so if you don't see exactly the service you need, please contact us to discuss how we can help.

## Low carbon review of your plans

- Commentary on draft policies or documents you've prepared.
- Review of your Local Council's low carbon policies, and what your policies could add.
- Suggestions for additional policy areas you could look at and possible examples of policy wording.
- Suggestions for your evidence base.

Outputs include a referenced document and option for presenting our findings to your group or wider community.

## Technical support for an evidence base

- Heat demand mapping for district heating options
- Housing stock assessment for energy efficiency opportunities
- Renewable energy resource assessment

## Presentation: Low Carbon Neighbourhood Plans

- Based on our Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning Guidebook
- Help your community to understand the range of renewable energy technologies available, their advantages and limitations
- Explore potential low carbon policies
- Discussion around our scale model

## Workshops: renewable energy for your community

- Based on our work with the Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Enable your community to develop a consensus as to the mixture of renewable energy technologies that might be acceptable in your community

- Videos explaining the key characteristics of the different technologies
- Guided sessions which allow residents to explore how they feel about their landscape
- Energy game which allows residents to consider the trade-offs between the different technologies which might be technically feasible in the area

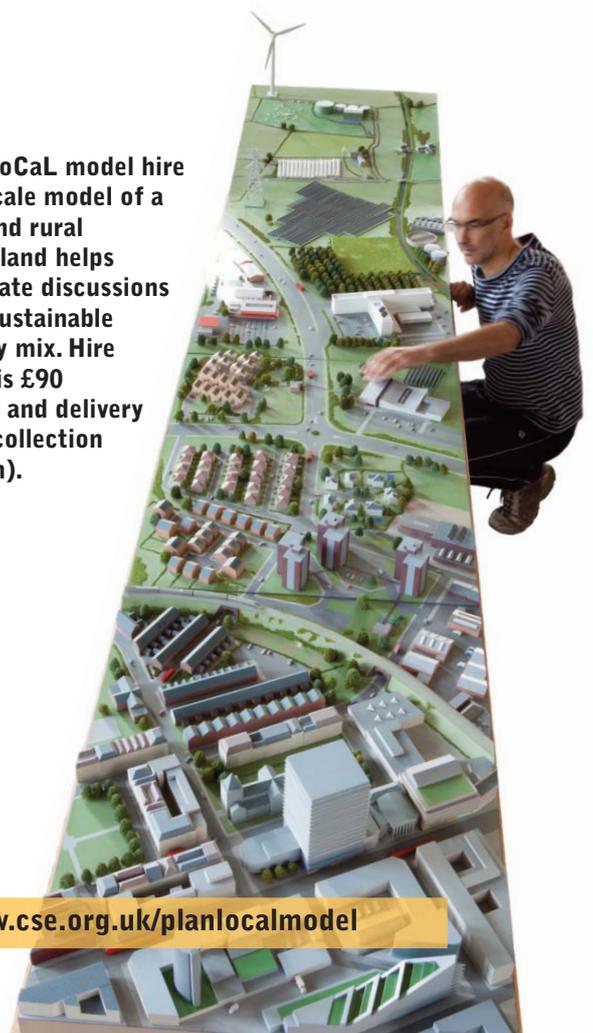
Outputs include an initial strategy outlining locally acceptable technologies and their potential scale (bespoke for your area). Workshops can be delivered by CSE, or you can access our free online resources to run the process yourself (available Sept 2016).

## Onshore wind bespoke support

- Support to address new requirements for allocated sites in plans for onshore wind using our new publication on supporting wind in neighbourhood planning
- Consultation strategy support drawing on our popular 'Common Concerns about Wind Power' publication

**PlanLoCaL model hire**  
Our scale model of a city and rural hinterland helps facilitate discussions on a sustainable energy mix. Hire price is £90 + VAT and delivery (self-collection option).

[www.cse.org.uk/planlocalmodel](http://www.cse.org.uk/planlocalmodel)



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### Planning appraisal of proposed developments

- Planning appraisal of your proposal against adopted and emerging planning policy
- Recommendations for next steps
- Developing a strategy to get planning permission

### Pre-application negotiations

- Preparing pre-application submissions on your behalf
- Negotiating with your planning authority to identify any planning issues early on, and help frame your arguments to give you the best chance of success

### Drafting application support documents

- Drafting Planning Statements and other planning documentation needed to support your proposals
- Advice on options to meet policy requirements for sustainable energy measures, including a brief for your architect

### Technical consultancy

- Energy auditing of individual buildings in your community
- Feasibility for suitable renewable technologies
- Advice on the national policy context

# Our resources

We've produced a wealth of free resources to help low carbon planning. Here are some of the best.

### Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning Guidebook

Our popular guidebook collating best practice from around the UK (with 3,500+ downloads) [www.cse.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-guidebook](http://www.cse.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-guidebook)

### Common Concerns about Wind Power

Our very popular, evidence-based analysis of issues such as bird-strike, shadow flicker, noise, impact on property prices and 'wind turbine syndrome'.

[www.cse.org.uk/commonconcerns.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/commonconcerns.pdf)

### PlanLoCaL

CSE's multi award-winning, giant toolkit for community energy, containing a wealth of information, videos and exercises.

[www.planlocal.org.uk](http://www.planlocal.org.uk)

### Allocating Sites for Onshore Wind

A guide to meeting new onshore wind site allocation requirements and building community support.

[www.cse.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-wind-guidance.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-wind-guidance.pdf)



# Our experience

We deliver 50-60 individual projects every year, all of which are working towards a sustainable, affordable energy system. Here's a snapshot of some of our recent and significant work.

## Neighbourhood Planning Support

CSE has delivered support to around 25 neighbourhood planning groups, helping them to integrate climate change and fuel poverty objectives into their plans.

[www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1939](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1939)

## Future Energy Landscapes

CSE has been working with the Campaign to Protect Rural England to develop a process to help communities find consensus on what low carbon energy technologies are appropriate for their local area. Online info forthcoming.

## Responsible Retrofit for Heritage Buildings

Following our highly acclaimed publication Warmer Bath, CSE is working with Historic England on national guidance.

[www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1224](http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1224)

## National Heat Map

CSE built this major tool for government to help identify possible sites for district heating. It's free online at [www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1183](http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1183)

## Urban Community Energy Fund

CSE managed this major national grant and loan fund to support community energy development.

[www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1913](http://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/1913)

## Approximately 45 people work at CSE. Meet three of us ...

### Rachel Coxcoo, Head of Local & Community Empowerment



Rachel is a leading expert in community energy and low carbon planning, and has pioneered many innovative programmes for community engagement such as PlanLoCaL. She has 11 years of experience in sustainable energy, following a career in forestry and arboriculture. Rachel has held formal advisory positions on community energy and the planning system with DECC.

### Dan Stone, Project Officer (Planning and Technical)



Dan is a chartered town planner with 14 years of experience in Development Control in the public and private sector working in rural and urban planning and wind farm consultancy. He has a deep knowledge of the UK planning system, plus hands on experience of renewable energy projects and neighbourhood planning, and routinely works with communities on planning issues.

### Martin Holley, Senior Technical Project Manager



Martin has 17 years of experience in technical consultancy and research for sustainable energy, following a career in engineering. He has extensive experience in technical and planning policy support for national and local government, particularly on energy masterplanning and resource assessments.



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