

## Who should own our electricity generators?

In Denmark 100 wind power cooperatives own three quarters of onshore wind capacity<sup>1</sup>. In Germany 65% of renewable energy generators are owned by individuals and communities but here in the UK the figure is less than 10%<sup>2</sup>. What is stopping us? Across the UK, there are more than 700 community renewable energy projects at various stages of planning and completion?<sup>3</sup> Should we be doing something in Cambridge?

Transition Cambridge is hosting a forum on 14<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the issues. Is renewable energy a good investment? Is it an ethical investment? Should we let a community energy company put solar panels on our school/office/community hall roof? Who benefits?

There are currently several community energy schemes nearby in various stages of completion. Panel member Mike Brettle from Gamlingay will talk about their village wind turbine - installed in May last year, Andy Rankin from Midsummer Energy will represent the Reach Solar Farm project, currently in planning, and Stuart Dyer will present proposals for a scheme for Cambridge: Cambridge Community Energy. The forum will be at Emmanuel URC on Cherry Hinton Road at 7.30pm. For more information go to [www.transitioncambridge.org/energyathome](http://www.transitioncambridge.org/energyathome)

Date: Friday 14th Feb 2014

Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Venue: Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Cherry Hinton Road, CB1 7AJ

Free entry, donations welcome

Limited parking available

### Notes for Editors.

1 Local communities invest in Danish Wind Energy

<http://www.ewea.org/blog/2012/10/local-communities-invest-in-danish-wind-energy/>

2. Germany's renewable energy revolution leaves UK in the shade Guardian  
12 May 2012

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2012/may/30/germany-renewable-energy-revolution>

3. Community energy in the UK part 2

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-energy-in-the-uk-part-2>

### ABOUT TRANSITION CAMBRIDGE:

Transition Cambridge aims to help Cambridge make the transition to ways of life that are more resilient in the face of rising oil prices and a changing climate. For the last five years the Energy Group has arranged events and

awareness raising activities to help individuals reduce their energy usage and encourage renewable energy generation.

Further details on Transition Cambridge here:

<http://www.transitioncambridge.org>

Further details on Transition Cambridge Energy Group here:

<http://www.transitioncambridge.org/energy>

Further details on the Community Energy event here:

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