



Email Update – 22 Jan 2014

Happy New Year !

Plans for 2014

Come along to the **Cricket Club on Weds 29 Jan** to hear about the plans afoot for the Greening Campaign in 2014. We have an Eco Open House weekend on the cards for April, an Eco Walk and film for the Steyning Festival. And how about setting up a community orchard in Steyning? We have Sue Saunders from Brinsbury College and local arborist Simon Zec to tell us all about how they work, and the many benefits they can bring to the local community. But where would it go, and how would we manage it?

Come along and share your ideas, and let us know if you might be able to help out in making things happen. The meeting starts at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Voluntary contributions on the door. And the bar will be open!

Phase 2 of Solar Scheme at Shoreham Port just launched

If you missed the excellent Green Drinks session in October, you can still sign up to Phase 2 of Brighton Energy Coop's (BEC) solar share offer. Phase 1 met its funding target of £300,000 in record time, and panels are already installed on one of the big sheds at Shoreham Port. For phase 2 they are looking for a further £232,00 to put an additional 200 kW solar array on another of the sheds. Investors can expect a rates of return of 5%, plus a 30% EIS tax break on your initial investment. [Click here](#) for details.

Big plans for solar farms in the Adur Valley - have your say

And you may not have heard about the applications that have gone in for three big solar farm schemes just up the road. The closest is at [Huddleston Farm](#), where they're planning a 15MW array. And there's 10MW schemes planned at [Ford Farm](#) and [Priors Byne Farm](#), both off Honeybridge Lane in Ashurst. Together these would power the whole of Steyning on a sunny day! You can find out more by clicking the links - which will take you to the planning applications.

Huddleston Farm is in Steyning Parish and we've approached them to talk about the possibility of building in a community element to the scheme. Seems like a great opportunity to get local buy-in to renewables. Maybe some of the panels could be community owned - owned on a cooperative basis like the Shoreham Port array? If you have views - add your comments on the Horsham District Council planning site before Jan 29th. The more comments they get, the more they'll take notice.

Steyning Showcase - Sat 8 Feb

We'll have a stall as usual at this big bi-annual event showcasing all the myriad of community activities going on in the area. You can meet the [Power Rangers](#) in person and find out how you could borrow a high tech energy meter, and have a look at some examples of [LED lights](#). It's at the Steyning Centre from 10.00-16.00.

Best wishes for a green and productive 2014!

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