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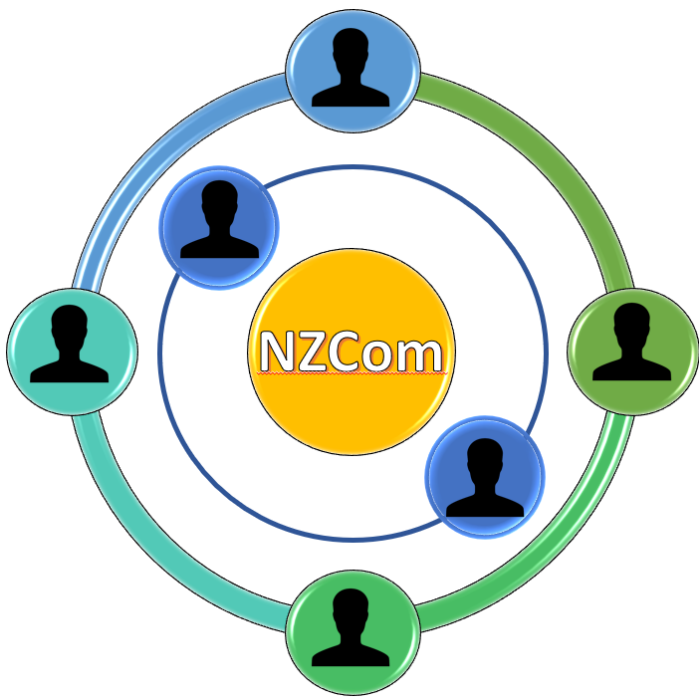


Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

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This issue, we're focussing on our new big project - **Net Zero Community, or NZCom** - announced in our last newsletter



The Government, Cornwall Council and our local councils have declared 'climate emergencies', but what does that really mean?

What are 'net zero' carbon targets and how do we all play our part?

WREN has organised a workshop and we want to hear your views as part of our exciting Net Zero Community (NZCom) project.

NZCom Workshop

Many of us are worried about the climate crisis and we really want to hear:

- What you think we can do about it?
- How have you been reducing your carbon footprint?
- What do Net Zero carbon targets mean and how will they affect you and your home?
- How much is it going to cost you to make energy efficiency improvements in your home?
- What changes might you need to make in your business?

Or perhaps you have some amazing ideas that could help benefit the community and the environment that you want to share?

Come to our workshop at the John Betjeman Centre on Wednesday 29th September 3.30pm and make your views known. And bring a friend or neighbour. We want to talk with not only our members and supporters, but other members of the community.

YES - I WISH TO HELP

Click on the link to tell us that you will be coming: simon.miller@wren.uk.com

P.S. There will be refreshments.

What is Net Zero?

Broadly, net zero means being as energy efficient at possible at home, work, school and when we're out and out about, whilst maximising our use of renewable energy sources and off-setting or balancing any unavoidable emissions by measures that actually remove CO2 from the atmosphere. But when you try to get into the detail, you run into all sorts of questions and concerns such as the potential costs of switching to low carbon heating. At the moment we don't have all the answers and are working through the challenges together.

WREN's amazing new project, NZCom, aims to determine what is necessary for a community like ours to achieve net zero carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases and show how everyone in the community can make the transition to a net zero carbon future, not just those who can afford to. If we can find something that will work for us, it may well then work as a model for others - certainly across towns and rural communities in the UK, if not necessarily in the big cities.

No one really knows what net zero looks like at a community level, so WREN is pioneering once again - and we cannot do it without your help.

We will be hosting the first of several short, informal workshops at the Pavilion Room, John Betjeman Centre on Wednesday 29th September 3.30pm to introduce the project in its beginning stages and hear your views and concerns. Everybody is welcome and we really want to hear from a diverse a range of people - the future changes will affect us all and we want to make sure that nobody is left behind.

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