

Energy Innovation Cooperative Members Meeting

Minutes

16th July 2009

Kilcunda Hall,

Kilcunda 7.30 – 9.30

Attendance: Susan Davies, Ben Speirs, Jeanette Swain, Bruce Hydon, Wendy Davies, Rob Windt, Andrew Mc Ewan, Gil Freeman, Diana Whittington, Dave Sutton, John, David Wendy Davies, Andrew Burrows, Cassie Wright, Rob Gray, Jean Melzer, Michael Beasley, Andrew Burrows, John Coulter, George Fairly, Monica Finch, Jane Jobe,

Apologies:

1. Overview of the cooperative perspective
 - a. One share One Vote principle
2. Elected Chairperson for the meeting
 - a. Susan Davies and Secretary- Jeanette Swain, for the meeting
3. Background from inaugural meeting at Wonthaggi in March
4. Overview of each member in the room
 - a. Background and interest in the cooperative
5. Aims (see PowerPoint presentation.)
6. Primary Activities of the co-op
 - a. Inform
 - b. Renewable energy systems
 - i. Carbon Neutral Ethics
7. The general model rules for a co-operative were introduced
 - a. Minimum participation requirements
 - b. \$10.00 fee annually
 - c. \$1 share

Approval of the rules:

1. Wendy Davis moves that the meeting approve the rules as established
2. Rob Windt seconded,
 - a. All agreed

Nomination of Directors:

1. Cassie Nominated Susan Davies
2. Jeanette Swain Seconded
 - a. All agreed

1. Ian McKay Moragh McKay
2. Susan Davies seconded,
 - a. All agreed
1. John nominated Dave Sutton
2. Wendy Davies seconded
 - a. All agreed
1. Jeanette Swain nominates Bruce Hydon
2. Rob Windt Seconds
 - a. All agreed
1. Susan Nominated Gil Freeman
2. Diana Worthington Seconds
 - a. All agreed
1. Lisa Wangman nominates Jeanette Swain
2. Dave Sutton Seconds
 - a. All agreed

Board selection agreed to unanimously

Apply to register as a co-operative

3. Andrew Burrows moved
4. Rob Gray seconded
 - a. All agreed

Other Co-ops

Ian overviewed Moragh's Journey towards the establishment of the cooperative from her experiences in Wales.
Highlighted

- Start small and affordable
- Complete a successful project to get runs on the board
- Look as professional as it is to possibly be
- Employ Project Managers
- Restrict the catchment area

Short Film from Castlemaine was shown

Activity to determine the Views of the group for possible activities for the co-op hosted by Cassie Wright

(attachment 1)

Close of the formal part of the meeting

Attachment 1

Energy Innovation Co-op – Ideas gathered from members at Formation Meeting, 16/7/09, Kilcunda

The purpose of the session was to involve people in developing a list of ideas for Energy Innovation Co-op activities.

The ideas gathered are:

- Organic Rankin cycle engine (multiple inputs, can be solar)
- Education (newsletters, etc.)
- Spread the word
- Demystify/make it easy and intuitive
- Give people ways they can be encouraged to use less. Get a small area/town and use it as an example – so all can see, do work & achievable
- Go-op members assisting next step (after home sustainability assessor), could put together a kit to make it easier for people
- Government initiatives – eg. home sustainability assessments
- Saving your Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) – could sell them to the co-op. Parcels worth more than individual certificates.
- Working with businesses to encourage 'greener' activities
- Biomass generating plant - ? – Links for dairy farms
- Advocacy role
- Alternative technology association – ? membership - ? sharing
- Links with other alternative groups – international, national, local
- Communication systems
- Facebook page exists in South Gippsland – sustainable Gippsland
- Communicate & being aware of fossil fuel usage/travel
- When oil price increases – resilience of local community, by decreasing food miles
- Business savvy – make a profit to put back into co-op so it is sustainable
- Skills back into area
- Paradigm shift to decrease carbon footprint
- World class sustainable farms to sell skills, models, etc. globally
- ? make the Wonthaggi pool more energy efficient

Attachment 2 – Logo Ideas



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M. Beasley