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[Broughton Email] BCE Update - great news!

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Hi,

This is a quick update about Broughton Community Energy (BCE).

As many of you know, on 27th November, we hosted a Future Energy Landscapes workshop in our village hall, supported by Energise South Downs. The primary aim was to better understand our community's sentiment about the possibility of generating our own clean, secure, and affordable electricity.

The workshop was very well attended. The participants have already received the summary report that Energise South Downs produced for us. In keeping with our promise of transparency, we want to share the findings with you all. The full report is attached.

Summary of the key findings:

- There was almost universal support for BCE's vision and objectives
- Solar and wind power were the preferred options to investigate further
- Attendees were surprised at how little land is needed to meet our current and future energy demands
- There was a strong preference for any generation site to be located away from the centre of the village, towards the North East or South West
- We must continue to ensure that residents will benefit from the project

Of course, we haven't assumed that the attendees' views fully represent those in our community, so we will continue to consult widely as we proceed.

In addition, our application to the government's Community Energy Fund (CEF) has been successful, which is great news! **We've been awarded £40k to undertake a full feasibility study.** The funding should be available in the Spring. We've already selected a small specialist consultancy to guide us through this process.

We're committed to this being a community-led initiative, so if you'd like to learn more and contribute your thoughts, a member of the Steering Group would be delighted to speak with you.

If you have feedback, questions, or other thoughts, please email:

broughton.ce@outlook.com

We also have a BCE WhatsApp Group. You can register your interest in the project and subscribe to updates by joining it:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CjfCzCFLF2HD3FZrpfF9zA>

Many thanks

Broughton Community Energy

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