

Energy Workshop 1st February 2022 with Jane Grindey of Wolverton Community Energy (WCE)

Discussion around the feedback from the One House / Whole Street surveys threw up information and experiences that can be shared among residents of Simpson.

Topics covered included:

- Trusted suppliers (Trustmark recommended <https://www.trustmark.org.uk/>)
- Access to Grants (Not much from national or local government at present but look at <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/housing/energy-efficiency-at-home> and <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>)
- The best order for making changes
- Green Energy suppliers and people's experience of being locked into difficult contracts and the use of smart meters
- Listed property challenges and the inconsistency of local Conservation Officers: https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Sustainable-and-Retrofitting/listed_building_guidance_-_energy.pdf - may be helpful
- Heat Pumps – ground source or air source?
- The pros and cons of Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery
- Asbestos
- Selling Your Home and Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)

Jane Grindey from Wolverton Community Energy is happy to stay in touch and make connections to further advise if she can. **We are very appreciative of the help and support Simpson has received from WCE.**

Next Steps:

Hanmer Road residents to meet again to share what they have learned and do more research including visiting a house in the street where a lot of changes have been carried out. Monica Shelly has offered to be the co-ordinator of that group.

Lissel Road residents to be encouraged to set up a street meeting

'Older Properties / listed buildings home owners' to meet up: Matt Porter has offered to co-ordinate.

Sheila and Catherine to have a conversation about Warren Bank and the Freehold Association

Peter and Sheila to work with the PC clerk to promote and manage the initial sharing of connections for these meetings

Peter and Sheila to produce a short report on the Energy Project to share with MKC (councillors and officers) with the aim of eliciting ongoing interest and support for residents.

n.b. WCE are now working with Bow Brickhill PC and Build Test Solutions (<https://buildtestsolutions.com/>)