

Ethical Consumer Conference 2019

Positive responses to the climate emergency – community energy



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Mission of Energy4All and community energy

- To help the UK's transition to a low carbon economy
- To engage the general public in the operation and ownership of renewable energy
- Co-operative values, participation, democracy, justice and community



Baywind – where it started, near Barrow-in-Furness



- **Mission - more renewable energy**
- **Co-operative values absolutely core**
- **Mix of professional staff and volunteers**
- **Community share issue**
- **Community of cause and community of locality**
- **Formed a movement**

Energy4All members

14,000 members

200-300 volunteers

20 staff

27 independent community energy organisations co-operating together, professionally run

More co-operatives regularly being formed for new projects, supported by the existing members

Part of the wider community energy movement



Positive investment – key features

- Mission led profitable business – to tackle climate change
- Co-operative values are absolutely core
- Funded by community share offer
- Capped, fair return on capital – 4-5%. Not a gift. Capital returned
- Fund a specific project/business, not a managed fund or loan to a bank
- Surplus to deliver environmental and social return
- Democratically controlled; engagement encouraged
- Mass movement – not just for the wealthy
- Often local element: community of locality and community of cause



Arrochar Community Hydro Society



Turbine Assembly progresses in Arrochar Alpine Conditions

Schools' Energy Co-operative – 62 schools built, 16 committed, 11+ more under development/negotiation; £2.25m raised from the public; interest paid at 4.5%



Ealing Schools Solar Publicity

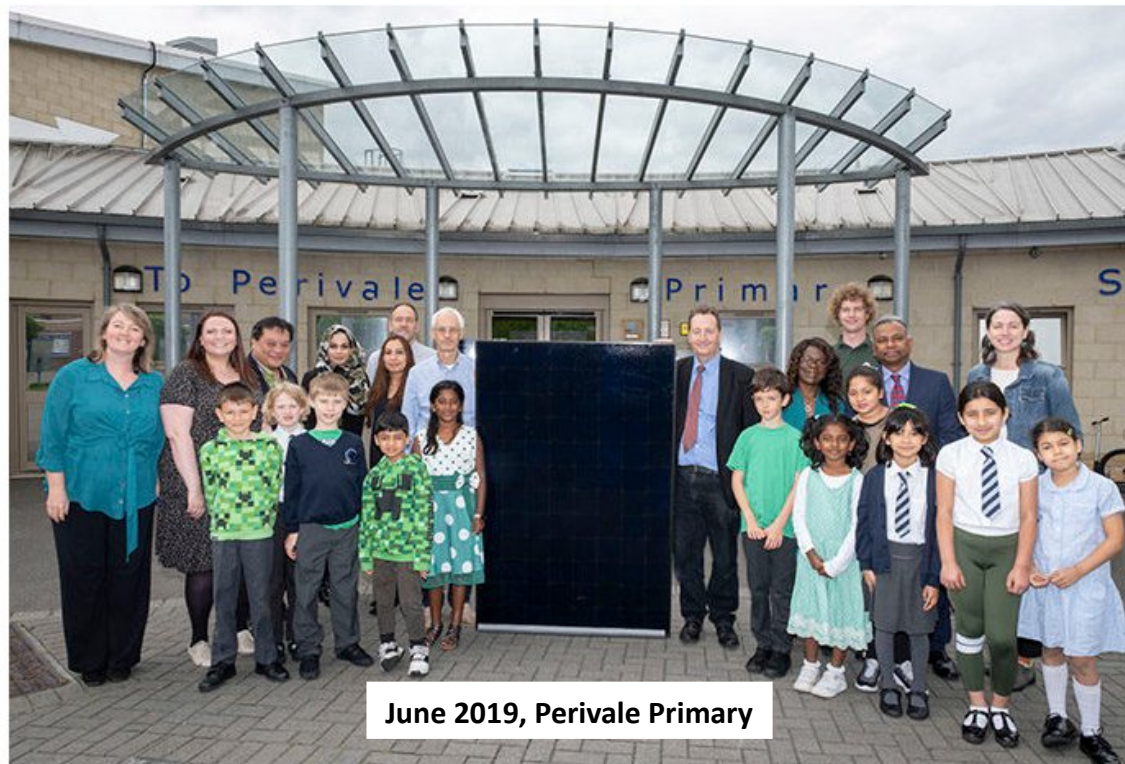


Schools' Energy Co-op celebrates 50th solar installation on Clean Air Day

Tenth local school gets solar power through 'fantastic scheme'

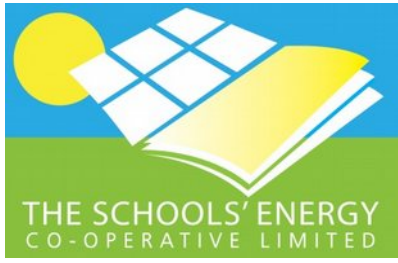
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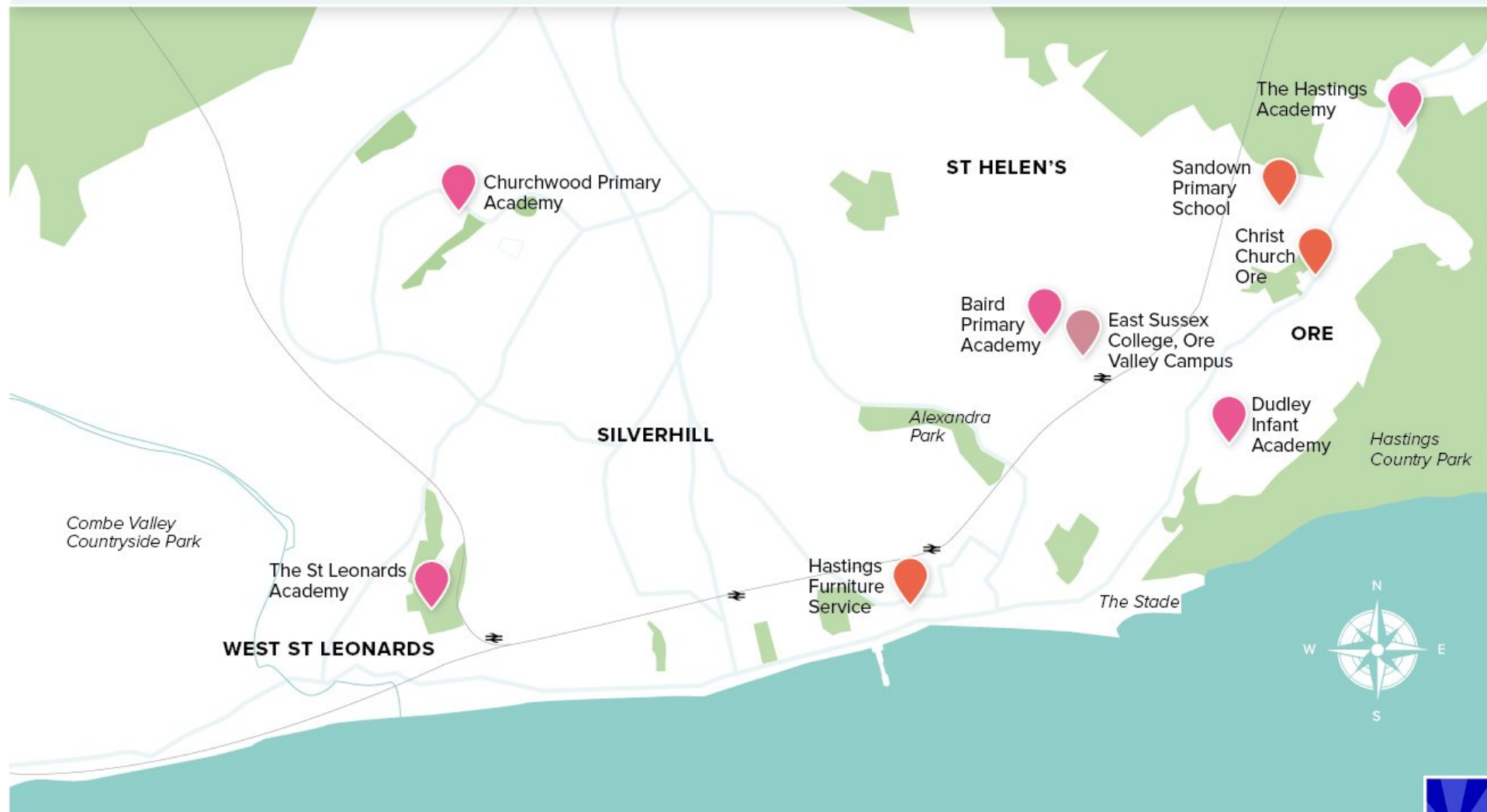


Energise South solar sites

 Licences
agreed

 Awaiting
approval

 Transfers to
ES in 2021



Energise South Society- The St Leonards Academy



High Winds and Mean Moor windfarm



Energy4All Share Offers now open or imminent

- Auchrobert – shared ownership of wind farm
- Energise South – build new solar arrays around Hastings
- Schools' Energy Co-op – build solar panels on schools
- Highland Community Energy – build hydro in the Scottish Highlands
- Reading and Edinburgh Co-ops – further share offers for solar in those cities
- Mean Moor – refinancing. The big one!



What you can do – help deliver the community energy revolution

- Invest! – subscribe or register your interest at www.Energy4All.co.uk
- Broadcast! – we need thousands of new supporters and investors – please tell everyone!
- Participate!