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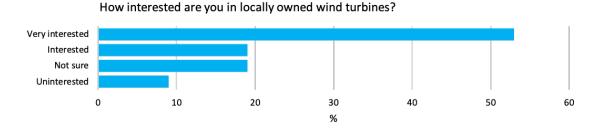
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Open Forum update

Switch on to Green Energy

It was great to meet over 50 local people at the Open Forum meeting we held on 9th June. We hope you enjoyed learning about community energy and the opportunity that the Climate Emergency provides to transform the china clay landscape into a highly valuable asset for future generations. We talked about a vision for a community owned wind farm on and around the clayworks. A project like this would be run on a not-for-profit basis with all surpluses, worth £10 million or more, spent locally to benefit your communities. Due to strict planning restrictions, we stressed that local people would be in control. We were also pleased to answer some of your initial questions and concerns.

At the end of the Open Forum meeting we held a poll. Over 70% of those that attended were either interested or very interested in the vision for the clayworks.



If you missed the event the recording can be accessed here: <u>https://tiny.one/Clayworks9thJune21</u>

Its over to you....forming a Steering Group

Devon Energy Collective CIC (DEC) & South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE) would now like to work with the community to form a steering group. We previously talked about this being a group of 10 people. However, due to great levels of interest, we would be pleased to widen the group to anyone that would like to participate. The group will dedicate time to reviewing the Feasibility Study, that was undertaken earlier in the year, and meet to explore the project opportunity and its potential impacts more fully. Based on their findings and feedback from the local community, they will work towards deciding whether and how to take the project forwards.

If you live in the Shaugh Prior Parish and are interested in joining that group, **please email** <u>clayworks@sdce.org.uk</u> as soon as possible. SDCE are coordinating the first few meetings and would like final names by **20th August**. The group will aim to initially meet in mid-September, mid-October and mid-November.

If you haven't already, please do join the project mailing list for more updates: <u>http://eepurl.com/hw8nOf</u>