

## An Opportunity for Transition Horsham

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# Social Enterprise Fund 2012-2013 (Incompany)

- West Sussex County Council has launched the Social Enterprise Fund for this financial year.
- The size of the fund is just over £250,000
- WSCC invites organisations to submit proposals for viable business ideas to be delivered for the benefit of the economy, the community and the environment of West Sussex.

## **Our Proposal**



- 1. Transition Horsham plans to create "**Horsham Together**" that will operate as an Industrial and Provident Society to support delivery of renewable energy, locally produced low carbon and non-toxic products and low-carbon transport solutions.
- Initial income will be generated from the proposed Horsham's web-based solar roof mapping software, provided by Horsham's German twin-town, Lage and their supplier together with LIDAR data about the roofs of Horsham's buildings from the Environment Agency.
- 3. Local solar installers will pay commission for each lead generated by the solar roof mapping software that they can successfully convert into a solar installation, and Horsham Together will be well positioned to promote larger neighbourhood collaborations which are economically advantageous and socially cohesive.
- 4. Solar roof mapping can help identify the roofs of suitable public, commercial and industrial buildings and by offering the local community the opportunity to achieve a return on their investment from feed-in tariffs.
- 5. Longer term, income generated by the solar initiatives will be re-invested in the growing of a local economy which does not overly depend on fossil fuel products and is socially and ecologically sustainable.

## How to use Solar Roof Mapping

- The user goes to the solar roof map on Horsham
  Together's website, provides their postcode and is then
  able to view the roof of their property on a screen that
  look like google maps, but is more detailed. The software
  provides the user with the following data:
- Roof Orientation
- Pitch
- Size in m2
- Shading
- Solar installation size
- Energy production capacity
- Co2 saving

## Solar Roof Mapping / Example of Information Provided



## How the Opportunity Arose



- The town council of Horsham's German twin-town, Lage, has agreed to provide Transition Horsham with access to its own solar roof mapping system and the suppliers who provided the software.
- The Environment Agency is able to provide Transition Horsham with LIDAR (light detection and range airborne laser scanned) data which provides a database of information about the roofs of all the buildings in Horsham's urban area in sufficient detail to enable Lage's software supplier to produce Horsham's solar roof mapping solution.
- Transition Horsham has members with the right expertise in marketing and the technical understanding to make it work.

## Likely Funding Required



Service	Supplier	Cost incl VAT
Raw LIDAR data	Geomatics	£900
Web-based solution	Geoplex	£7,600
Project management	Sunimpress	£1,000
Marketing & event budget	Transition Horsham	£2,500
Website creation & maintenance first year	Tba	£2,500
Sundry items	Tba	£500
Total		£15,000

#### **Forecast Annual Income**



#### **Prudent Assumptions:**

- Horsham area = 19.63km2
- Number of households = 10,500
- Number of residential buildings suitable for solar PV = 1/3rd = 3,500
- Average residential solar PV installation = 3kwp
- Target installations p.a. = 1% = 35 = 100kwp
- Proposed income = 1% of installation costs = ca. £2,000 per kwp =

#### £2,000 p.a.

- Plus potential from commercial and industrial buildings??
- Plus potential from public sector buildings??
- Plus solar thermal??

## Our Proposed Project Team



- Tom Kinally: overall project management;
- Maggie Weir-Wilson, Alison Marshall, Helen Whittington: publicity, marketing and launch event management;
- Torsten Fisahn: supply of software technical specification;
- Alan Sloan and Trevor Marshall: presentations at launch event;
- Brigitte Schnieders: Liaison with German twin-town council and software provider;
- Geomatics: Provision of Horsham's LIDAR data;
- Geoplex: Provision of solar roofs register online software solution; and
- Sunimpress: Preparation and submission of funding application.

## **Project Timetable**

•	18.06.12:	Contact local solar installers to gain agreement for payments for leads from Horsham solar roof mapping tool converted into customers
•	28.06.12:	"Horsham Together" Proposal to Transition Horsham for consideration
•	30.07.12:	Funding application to West Sussex Social Enterprise Network (WSSEN)
•	02.09.12:	Initial meeting of Horsham Together
•	16.09.12:	Transition Horsham Steering Group to prepare for Horsham Together and PlanLocal workshop
•	07.10.12:	Horsham Together workshop
•	30.10.12:	WSSEN announces results of funding application
•	03.11.12:	PlanLocal workshop with Horsham Together members
•	05.11.12:	Place purchase orders with suppliers to produce Horsham solar roof mapping tool
•	07.12.12:	Horsham solar roof mapping tool available for acceptance testing offline
•	11.01.13.	Horsham solar roof mapping tool goes live on web
•	14.01.13:	Start marketing campaign with announcements in local media.
•	14.01.12	Preparations for Horsham Eco-Fair
•	Spring 13:	Launch of Horsham Together and demonstration of Horsham solar mapping tool at Horsham Eco-Fair



## Horsham Together



#### Resources required:

- Members
- Steering Group
- Volunteers with a variety of skills and with some time to invest in developing and delivering Horsham Together's long-term strategy

### **Next Steps**

 30.07.12: Funding application to West Sussex Social Enterprise Network (WSSEN)

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 02.09.12: Informal get-together of Horsham Together members (4pm at Tom's house)

 16.09.12: Transition Horsham Steering Group to prepare for Horsham Together workshop (4pm at Maggie's house?

07.10.12: Horsham Together workshop (4pm at Friends House?)

• 30.10.12: WSSEN announces results of funding application