

Westmill Solar Co-operative quarterly newsletter. You are receiving this email because you are a member of Westmill Solar Co-operative.

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Dear Member,

Summer is over but our batteries are fully charged and we are ready for winter.

In this newsletter you will find information regarding Westmill Solar's 2018 AGM date, the re-opening of the secondary market following the recent capital repayment, Westmill and other solar projects in the news, events celebrating

cooperative enterprises as well information on the Governments newly published Clean Growth Strategy.

We are also excited to announce that Energise Africa, a joint venture between Ethex and Lendahand, is now open to investors who wish to support the installation of solar systems in homes and businesses in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Westmill Solar AGM, 2018
- Capital Repayment update
- Social Saturday 14/10/2017 - a celebration of social enterprises and cooperatives
- Clean Growth Strategy
- Solar in the news
- Investment Opportunities

Best wishes,

Richard Benwell, Director

Westmill Solar Co-operative

Annual General Meeting, 2018

Following the roaring success of this years AGM at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot, we are happy to announce the date for next years AGM.

The AGM will take place on Saturday 19th May 2018, so make sure to save it in your diaries for the chance to have your say on Westmill Solar's future.

Further information regarding times and locations as well as next years keynote speakers will be sent out to all Westmill members in the coming months.

Capital repayment update

All members should now have received their capital repayment and new share certificates. If you have not, then please contact help@ethex.org.uk at anytime or call 01865 403304 during Ethex's working hours.

With the capital repayment process now completed, the secondary market in Westmill Solar shares for those members who need to sell their shares has now reopened.

Social Saturday

From its humble beginnings in 2014, Social Saturday has grown into a grand celebration of all business' who "put people and planet first".

Led by Social Enterprises UK and supported by the Co-op, Social Saturday helped to raise awareness for the different social enterprises who are working to help better communities locally and all around the world. Following on from a successful campaign last year which reached 47.3 million people globally, this year built on this through a wide range of activities and events, including documentary screenings, social enterprise pop-up markets and running events.

The events also featured some famous faces with the likes of Michael Sheen and Chris Addison supporting local events along with numerous MP's from various parties. Already the turnout for the weekend appears to have eclipsed that of the previous year.

For more information on the events and their success, visit the [Social Saturday homepage](#).

Clean Growth Strategy

On the 12th October the government published its Clean Growth strategy which outlines the UK's plan to cut down on carbon emissions and promote renewable and sustainable energy sources to encourage economic growth.

Following its release, Westmill Solar's own Richard Benwell has written a blog post on the ambitious range of proposals spanning energy efficiency, renewables supply and clean transport to tree-planting and waste reduction. He also notes how

certain policy areas still seem to be lacking support and need to be recognised more if the UK intends to reach its target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% of 1990 levels by 2050.

You can read Richard's blog and find additional information regarding responses to the strategy on the [Westmill Solar website](#).

Solar in the News

- Westmill Solar named in top 5 "need to know" community energy projects by [Medium](#)
 - Capital.com article on "[Green Investment](#)" features Westmill Solar
 - The Independent reports on a [New Solar plant in Bedfordshire opening without the funding of government subsidies](#)
 - London Mayor Sadiq Khan opens [London's first community energy fund](#) for Solar Projects
 - Low Carbon Hub has released their first [Social Impact Report](#), looking at their achievements over the last 5 years
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Investment Opportunities:

Two online impact investing platforms, Ethex and Lendahand have joined forces to launch [Energise Africa](#) – an initiative that enables people to invest in pioneering businesses that install life-changing solar systems in homes in Sub-Saharan Africa – bringing clean energy and economic opportunities to families, whilst aiming to generate a 4 – 6 % annual return for investors.

Ethex are also currently listing the following offers:

[Our Power bond offer](#) - This bond offer aims to raise £4.5m for the development of the Our Power social enterprise into a profitable and progressive energy supply company working to make energy fairer and reduce levels of fuel poverty. **SITR eligible.**

[Gower Regeneration](#) - a 1MW community-owned solar farm providing clean energy whose financial surpluses will support ecologically sensitive land-based livelihoods with an expected 5% interest gross yearly from 2018.

[Bovey Paradiso](#) - help transform a Grade II listed pub in Bovey Tracey into a centre that will grow the creative economy in the South West, and provide new community services for the town including a 118 seat cinema/theatre, an artists' studios and gallery and a high-quality restaurant & cafe bar.

[Resilient Energy Alvington Court](#) are looking to raise £600k to take a fully operational 500kW wind turbine in Alvington in the Forest of Dean into full community ownership.

Energy4All currently have no offers listed [but you can find out more about many of their upcoming products by visiting their latest share offers page.](#)

Please note that the energy co-operatives/investment opportunities mentioned above are for information only. Westmill Solar Co-operative has not reviewed any prospectuses or share offers, and does not recommend or endorse any subscription opportunities. Please be aware that your capital is at risk and returns are not guaranteed. Individuals should make their own assessment of any such propositions, with specialist advice as appropriate.