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Dear Member,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all the best for 2018. With the new year come exciting new opportunities and we look forward to sharing with you some of the great things that are coming up this spring.

We have further news regarding this years Annual General Meeting along with exciting new campaigns and projects which we are proud to be a part of. There are

also exciting new investment and job opportunities along with interesting solar news stories from the past few months:

- Westmill Solar AGM, 2018
- Community Energy State of the Sector 2018
- The Climate Coalition
- British Solar Renewables and Westmill (O+M)
- Solar in the news
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- Job Opportunities

There's a great job opportunity coming up with our friends at Ethex. We hope you'll all join us in thanking Aude Duquesne, the current senior operations manager at Ethex, who has done such a brilliant job acting on behalf of the cooperative. She's going on to manage a ground-breaking research programme in Oxford and we know she'll take the same diligence and friendliness to the task that she brought to the Westmill team.

Best wishes,
Richard Benwell, Director

Westmill Solar Co-operative

Annual General Meeting, 2018

The Westmill solar AGM will be taking place Saturday 19th May 2018. As we announced the AGM date before Harry and Meghan announced their wedding date, we hope they'll understand when you RSVP that you've a previous engagement with Westmill Solar.

This years AGM will take place in the Hawksworth Hall at the Steam Museum, Swindon. Our special guest speakers are Emma Bridge, CEO of Community Energy England and Leo Murray, Director of Strategy at 10:10, the climate campaigners.

Founded in the summer of 2009, by the team behind the docudrama "[The Age of Stupid](#)", 10:10 started their '10% challenge', which focused on helping people and organisations reduce their carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. Since this original success, 10:10 has continued to push beyond the 10%, launching projects such as [Solar for Schools and Back Balcombe.](#)

We will once again be sharing the day with Westmill Wind whose AGM will follow the Westmill Solar AGM directly after lunch.

A formal advance notice with a request for resolutions and nominations will be

sent to all members by email in late March.

This year's AGM promises to be really exciting, with top speakers, news about our community benefits work, the chance to contribute to next year's plans and, of course, the latest on how we're keeping Westmill at the forefront of community energy.

Community Energy State of the Sector 2018

Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales were proud to launch the first State of the Sector Survey on the 24th June 2017. This landmark report collected a vast amount of data from 2016 including community energy generation, energy savings and CO2 reduction projects.

As with last year, Westmill will once again be providing CEE and CEW with information to help understand the community energy sector and decide how to influence government policy over the next 12 months. You can read the State of the Sector report for 2017 by following the link [here](#).

If you believe another organisation would help benefit the State of the Sector Report for 2018 , you can find all the necessary information [here](#).

British Solar Renewables and Westmill Solar

At the end of last year, British Solar Renewables was appointed by the Westmill Solar board, to help operate and manage the Westmill solar site.

BSR operates and manages nearly 6% of the utility-scale solar power in the UK. With Westmill now joining the fold, BSR's solar portfolio now extends to 536MW across 50 different solar parks. Speaking about the appointment Martin (Director at Westmill) said "BSR have demonstrated a commitment to achieving high standards of quality and value for money on many other solar farm sites. Their team recognise the unique nature of our project and their passion for community energy is clear."

You can find further information on the appointment of BSR on their website by clicking [here](#).

They've already been out in the cold and the snow to look after the panels (you can find a photo or two on the Westmill Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/WestmillSolar>), so we're sure they'll do a brilliant job making sure the park is at peak performance.

The Climate Coalition - "Show the Love"

The 7th February marked the launch of the Climate Coalition's 2018 "Show the Love" campaign.

The Climate Coalition is the "UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change", with over 130 organisations, including Westmill, reaching across the UK to help "show the love" for all things that are at risk from climate change.

This week will see the launch of numerous projects and films, most notably the launch of the 'Pan-Sport Report', which assesses the impact of climate change on sport in the UK.

There are lots of ways you can get involved and every action to raise awareness will help promote the local and political action we need to beat climate change. So whether its going to a local event or simply showing your support by wearing a green heart or your sleeve, join hundreds of thousands of people to show the love for a world powered by clean energy.

For additional information on The Climate Coalition and events near you, visit the Climate Coalition website [here](#).

Solar in the news

- The Independent reports on the [fall in solar and wind power investment after government cuts funding](#)
 - The Guardian - [UK's biggest solar farm planned for the Kent coast](#)
 - Wired UK - [New Riding Sunbeams report, finds solar power could be used to power UK trains by 2020](#)
 - BBC - [Use of roll-up solar panels to help power an island off the coast of Wales](#)
 - Clean Energy News - [Verv claims UK first with launch of blockchain-powered P2P energy trading pilot](#)
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Investment Opportunities:

Ethex are currently listing the following offers:

[Bovey Paradiso](#) - having successfully reached their target raise of £400,000 Bovey Paradiso are looking to over-raise from their original target. 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 have extended their offer period for those looking to invest. REACR is looking to raise £600,000 to help maintain their 500kW wind turbine and bring the turbine into full community ownership.

Energy4All are currently listing the following offers:

Assel Valley is a wind farm site located in South Ayrshire, Scotland that employs ten N90/2500 wind turbines. The clean energy produced is the equivalent to the energy consumed by 20,500 homes and will save almost 36,000 tonnes of CO2. Falck Renewables Wind Limited are working in partnership with Energy4All to help develop a community owned co-operative for Assel Valley to provide benefits to the local community.

To register your interest in this offer please click [here](#).

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.

Job Opportunities

Operations Manager at Ethex

Full time, permanent position, Oxford, £25,000 - £30,000 (depending on experience)

Deadline: Midday on Wednesday 7th March.

Interview date: Tuesday 13th March.

This role lies at the very heart of Ethex: ensuring delivery of outstanding services to social-purpose businesses building an engaged investor base and, ensuring great customer service to the ever-growing number of people who wish to join the Positive Investing Movement and #makemoneydogood.

Acting as an Operations Manager within our small, friendly and exceptionally committed organisation, you will play a critical role in the management and delivery of our Registrar and Co-operative Management Services for companies such as Westmill Solar Co-operative; alongside managing and overseeing the successful completion of offers on the Ethex platform.

To find out more please visit https://www.ethex.org.uk/current-opportunities_840.html

Or call 01865 403304 and ask to speak to Sarah.

Getting in contact

If you have any queries regarding your share holding or entry on the share register then call **01367 610001** or email members@westmillsolar.coop and Adam Wilson from Registry Trust Registrars will be happy to help you.

For all other enquiries contact Sarah Flood at Ethex on 01865 403303 or email info@westmillsolar.coop.

If you are in doubt about whom to contact then call 01367 610001 and we will put you through to the right person.

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