



**Cornwall Sustainable  
Energy Partnership**

CSEP is a public & private sector partnership working to achieve a sustainable energy future for Cornwall, its communities and businesses

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Challenging opportunity for political leadership on climate change**

CSEP Director Tim German has met with Chris Huhne, the Lib Dem Shadow Environment minister, members of Cornwall County Council's Lib Dem executive and Julia Goldsworthy MP to encourage strong and cohesive strategic leadership to deal with Climate Change and Energy Sustainability.

***“Cornwall has a wealth of opportunity to be leaders in energy sustainability and climate change mitigation”, said Tim German. “One of these opportunities is to utilise the political leadership in Cornwall with the council being led by the same political party as that of all five of Cornwall’s MPs.”***

Mr German placed the challenge at the hands of the Liberal Democrats and suggested that this ‘cohesive’ political approach to climate change should also involve SW members of the European Parliament who are involved in legislation. He has spoken to both Chris Huhne MP (who used to be an MEP) and to the Lib Dem MEP, Graham Watson (leader of the third biggest group in the Euro Parliament) stressing the opportunity to link up the local, national and international agenda on climate change and energy sustainability.

Tim German continued,

***Climate Change presents a real challenge to political leaders. All Parties have a role to play. So far all seem confused in their delivery. Chris Huhne has been very outspoken on these issues and he is very interested work with the county’s Lib Dem MPs and county leaders to help Cornwall achieve its aim to be a ‘Green peninsula’.***

Tim German met with Chris Huhne, Julia Goldsworthy and members of the Cornwall County Council Executive at the iconic new zero carbon building at Jubilee Wharf in Penryn.

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Notes to editors

\*\*\*\*\* Photo: (L – R) Julia Goldsworthy MP, Chris Huhne MP, David Whalley (leader Cornwall County Council) and Tim German (Director of Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership).

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning\* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- The **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001) and managed by CEP, is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. [www.csep.co.uk](http://www.csep.co.uk)
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.

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