



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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Local energy charity says Climate Change Bill needs to be more inspirational

Two local sustainable energy organisations applaud the Government's new Climate Change Bill to introduce legally binding limits on carbon emissions but believe that more ambitious targets are needed.

Local energy charity Community Energy Plus, dedicated to fighting fuel poverty and climate change and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP), a partnership of 72 public and private organisations in Cornwall committed to creating a sustainable energy future for Cornwall, believe that this is a time for the UK to lead an exemplary example to the rest of the world on how to combat global warming.

Alec Rice, Community Team Manager of Community Energy Plus said, **“We applaud the government for taking a long term view on climate change but we believe that a year on year reduction is the way to go to ensure that the ‘carbon budget’ targets are not pushed aside until year 4 with accountability being lost with the end of MP’s 5-year term. We also believe that the higher the 2050 carbon reduction target, the more chance the government will have a reaching an acceptable level.”**

Tim German, Director of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership believes that the Government has a real opportunity to do something radical, **“This is the time for the Government to really show that it can be a world class leader in the race to slow down global warming. Shying away from the responsibility it has to the nation to change attitudes and create incentives is not an option. The bill needs to be an exemplar mechanism to promote economic regeneration whilst reducing carbon emissions. Whether the final target is 60, 70 or 80 per cent by 2050 what is important is that measures are in place to help achieve it. We need clear direction on how we can all deal with Climate Change. Here, in Cornwall sustainable energy will play an even bigger role on our economy and we will be playing our part in helping to achieve the targets within this Climate Change Bill. “**

The public consultation is to last 3 months in which the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership will be making [its](#) recommendations to the government.

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- **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
- 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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