

Community benefit guidelines for WCHL

Here are the guidelines for deciding on priorities for carbon reduction community benefit projects.

1. Geographical area of benefit – the local community regarded as roughly parishes in Ribble Valley within four miles of Whalley.
2. Impact – e.g.:
 - aim for maximum carbon reduction for the available funds, check financial return on investment (ROI) as well as embedded carbon, carbon saving in use, maintenance and expected lifetime.
 - Raising awareness of the need for carbon reduction.
 - Put solar panels on roofs where they can be seen so that members of the public notice and are encouraged to see renewables as popular.
 - Install renewables for public buildings which people feel good about such as health centres, village halls, sports halls, libraries.
 - Install renewables for schools to involve families of pupils.
 - Look for matching funds and partnerships.
3. Technical considerations e.g.: optimum position for solar pv panels to maximise output.
4. Benefit to vulnerable people e.g. people in fuel poverty and disabled people.
5. Income from our renewable energy projects is kept revolving in the locality.
6. Ensure that beneficiaries have a commitment to carbon reduction e.g.:
 - An organisation has a carbon reduction policy.
 - Buildings have Energy Performance Certificates (EPC).
 - Beneficiaries have demonstrated steps to reduce carbon emissions.
 - Government and other grants have been exhausted.
 - They sign up for carbon reduction guidance or discussions.

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