

Bellinghen Climate Action Group
General Meeting – Wednesday, March 7, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY: 15 members attending, 5 apologies

Introduction and “Check In”

Guest Speaker: Martin Hogan from the Bellinghen Shire Solar Energy Group discussed two projects.

The first was the Renewable Energy Fair, to be held on Saturday, June 9 at the Bellinghen Showgrounds. Activities will include stalls and displays, speakers, and workshops. They would appreciate any and all volunteers for the Fair!

The second project is the Solar Register. The group is collecting information about all the existing solar systems in Bellinghen, and working on options for developing a large network of solar systems, through a variety of options. Please contact the Solar Energy Group at bsseg@westnet.com.au if you would like to sign up on the Solar Register or if you would like further information on projects.

New Business:

Ratification of the Bellinghen Climate Action Group Steering Committee.

Six people have volunteered to sit on the Steering Committee, which has three main functions.

1. Coordination (meeting planning and facilitation, contact for workgroups):
Lisa Siegel, Rossmor McLeod
2. Finances (coordination of expenses and fundraising): Jan VanHoffen,
Rachael McCallum
3. Public Relations (contact with media, other groups): Thea O'Connor,
Laurie Kane

Each person spoke a little about themselves and their backgrounds, and answered questions from the group.

The committee was elected unopposed and unanimously.

Business in Progress: Workgroup reports

Education - Projects currently underway include the "ECO-SONG" environmental song writing contest, a Climate Change educational street stall, and a "Junior" Climate Action Group. Ideas in the wings include establishing an environmental book collection for the library, and a film night series. Contact: Lisa las@westnet.com.au

Transport and Renewable Energy - Projects being explored include expanding the current carpooling network, and purchasing "bulk" renewable energy sources. Contact: Rachael at laurie@fairytaletours.com.au

Working at an Organisational Level - This group is discussing the idea of setting up a local business environmental rating scheme, as well as working on lobbying the council to improve councils "eco footprint". Contact: Jan
jonvanhoffen@swiftdsl.com.au

Sustainable Building and Living - Focusing on the possibility of setting up a network of "sustainability consultants". Contact: Nick sr.nick@hotmail.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm