

The UK & Welsh governments are committed to ensuring 15% of our energy is produced by renewables by the year 2020. So why should Powys miss out on this investment from a growing sector?

Wind Power gives us energy independence and energy security.

Wind Turbines survived the Tsunami in Japan and posed no risk to health.

Unlike nearly every other form of energy Wind Power uses virtually no water.

We will always have wind which will always be a free energy source.

Wind Power does not leave a toxic legacy for future generations.

Wind Power leaves no future debt to our children.

The cost of Wind Turbines will continue to fall through design innovation and greater mass production and in a few years will naturally reach grid parity.

Innovation will continue to progress regards energy storage and energy use.

We strongly support the Welsh Assembly in its ambition to utilise the cheapest form of renewable energy namely 'Onshore Wind'

The younger generation are more concerned in having energy produced from clean renewable responsible energy sources.

A lot of the opposition to Onshore Wind (although not all) is from people who have moved into the area to retire or to escape from a more hectic lifestyle.

What PWS finds is the local **indigenous peoples** in general support Onshore Wind.

There is a looming energy gap advancing in the UK. We here in Powys have our role to play, in fact this can work to our advantage by benefiting local communities from community funds which in turn can support local schools, help towards students going to university, etc., etc..

One thing to our detriment has been the closing down of toilet facilities on local trunk roads, this affects us all from time to time and what does it say to the tourists, "Are you really welcome here"? Some of the funds should/could be re-allocated to re-instate these essential facilities in a modern society.

Funds could be used to help provide better facilities e.g. Doctors Surgery in Newtown (there is nowhere to park except on the street that is if there is a free space!)

The closing down of local primary schools is also to our detriment, surely funds could be used to subsidise them?

Onshore Wind provides Co2 reduction, energy independence, energy security, locally produced, local employment (every job counts).

Onshore Wind is not all the answer to our energy needs but certainly has an increasing part to play in a sustainable future for us all.

Looking to the future it is envisaged that we will have undersea cables connecting us to various other countries. At present National Grid are drawing up an agreement with Statnett regarding a cable between UK and Norway. Also the UK government is considering the installation of sub-sea cables which would transfer wind power from Ireland to the National Grid.

We need to open our eyes to see the positive and not the negative.

We see Wind Turbines in a positive light the engineering skills to build them should be applauded as they use that which is natural turning it into electricity to be used by us all, for the greater good of all.

We and Powys Windfarm Supporters believe Powys CC has made a big mistake in opposing the Wind Power plans and has turned away that which can only benefit our communities now and in the longer term.

Yours Sincerely,

John and Maria Jones.