

# Putting people at the heart of the energy transformation



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Thanks for joining CEE's 300+ members at an exciting time!

## Heart of England Community Energy

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# Welcome to Community Energy England!

**Mission:** To create the conditions within which community energy is able to thrive and scale.



## State of the Sector

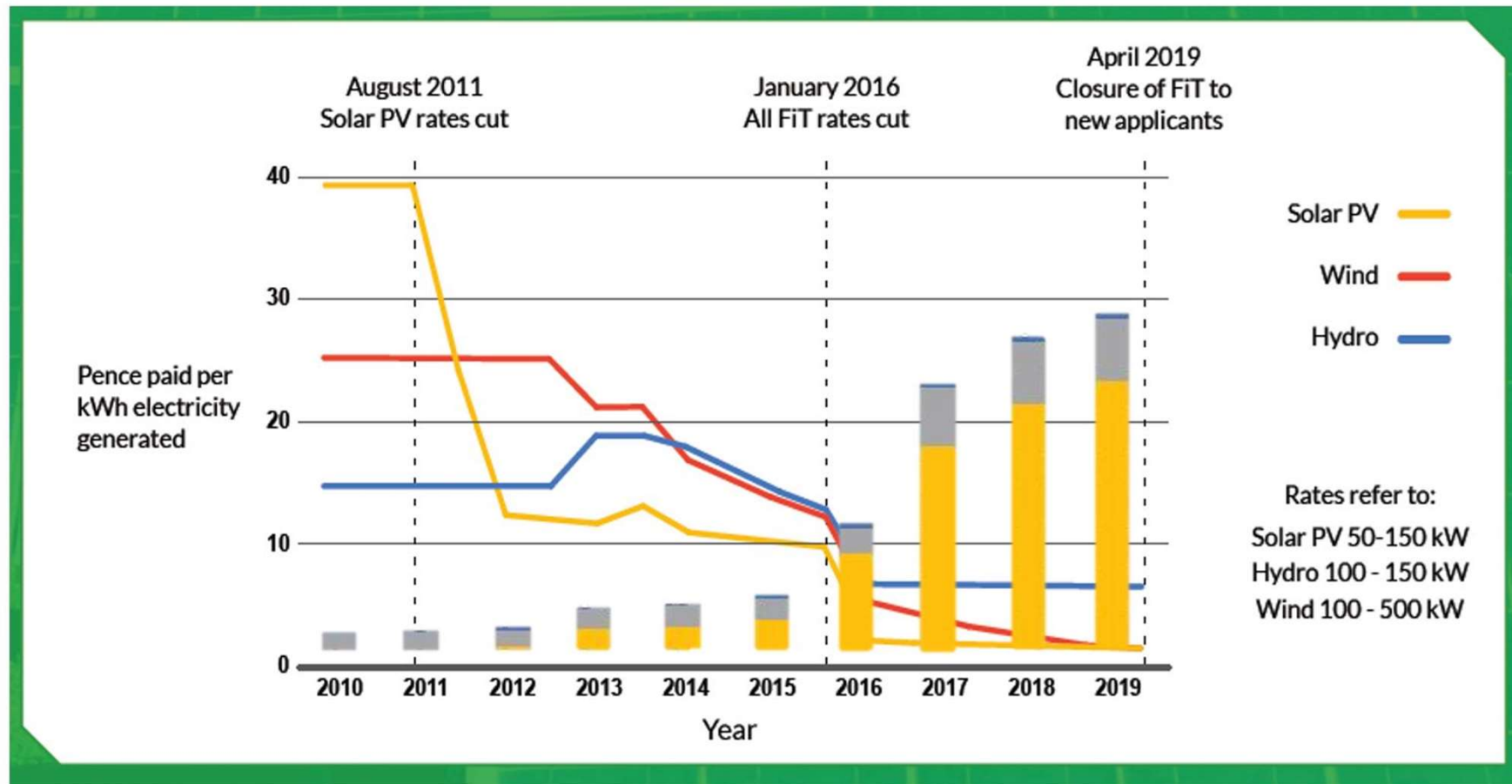
### What?

- Research conducted annually since 2017 (with a break in 2023), aims to create the most comprehensive and accurate set of data on community energy, its impact and potential.
- Data is used by a wide range of people and organisations within and outside the sector
- We launched a new online portal earlier this year.
- Over the last few months we have collated the wealth of information we received. **THANKS!**
- We expect the first outputs from this year's data collection will be published in the second week of Community Energy Fortnight
  - High level statistics
  - Longer infographic with narrative and impact.

# State of the Sector

Before

Growth of community energy (bars, 2010-2019) plotted over Feed-in Tariff rate cuts.  
Community energy more than doubled each year 2015-2017 – 27MW to 136MW



# State of the Sector 2022

**2021**

FiTs ended 2019

- Renewable installation grew 2.4% to 331MW (7.5MW installed)
- Stalled projects: 68MW!

But

- Sector diversified:
  - Energy efficiency/fuel poverty work up 38%
  - Low carbon transport work up 30%
- Jobs increased by 40% up to 644

# State of the Sector 2024

## 2022-3

- The sector continues to grow at a healthy rate
- There are now at least 583 organisations active in the sector, an 18% increase since 2021
- The sector continues to employ more and more people, now 796 - 24% increase since 2021
- More members - 69,000, up 20% since 2021
- 3719 volunteers, up 12% since 2021
- Electricity generation continues to grow - 15% increase since 2021
- That means the sector is now powering 228,530 households and its renewable energy saves 165,980 tonnes of CO2 a year

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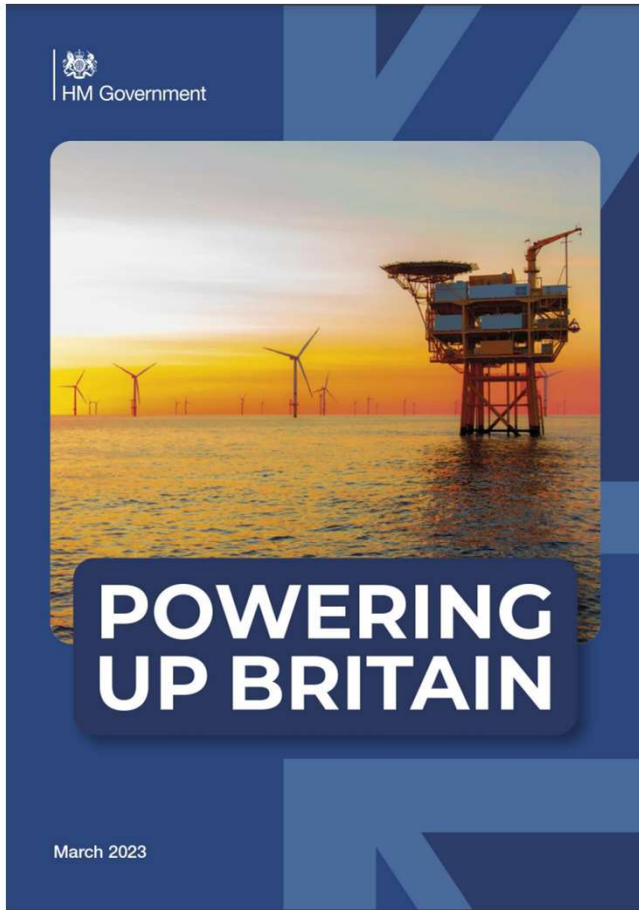
### Now

#### (2022-3)

- CE orgs continue to expand their activities, with more involved in all areas including heat, energy efficiency, energy/fuel poverty advice
- Stalled projects are still a problem, but the sector's pipeline is strong and the sector continues to bring in an increasing amount of investment despite the challenging economic conditions of the past couple of years



# Elections 2024 - a huge opportunity





# Community Energy Fund v Labour Local Power Plan

## Conservative...

- Government Community Energy Fund
- £10m over 2 years. (£9m after costs)
- No mention of this in the Manifesto
- No real opening up of onshore wind
- 92% fall in insulation projects
- Big-cheque/tech/biz centralised projects  
inc: CCUS, Nuclear, Hydrogen

## Labour Green Prosperity Plan/Local Power Plan.

- £400m a year in low interest loans to help community led and owned energy projects
- £600m a year in grants to local authorities
- Open up onshore wind
- 19m households insulated (now “millions of households”)
- Local Area Energy Planning
- Fix grid connections
- Shared ownership
- Net Zero test in Planning and Regulation
- Grow economy from the bottom (local) up

# 2030 Vision

Community  
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## 2030 Vision

Community energy will create an energy system that is democratic, decentralised, and decarbonised, where people are at the heart of the transition

12-20 times larger

contribute 5,270MW

power 2.2 million homes

support 8700 jobs

save 2.5 million tonnes of CO2 emissions

add £1.8 billion to the economy

YOU can get involved to help  
deliver this impact

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## Actions you can take NOW

Visit CEE's Election Page [bit.ly/CEE-Election24](https://bit.ly/CEE-Election24) for for ideas, actions and resources. And post election actions.

**Increase Visibility** of your project. Tell positive stories about what you've achieved, what you plan, and the multiple benefits delivered to local people. Social media, pictures, case studies, short films, visits, events.

**Engage with candidates/MPs**, invite to visit, ask them to champion CE in campaigns/the House. Explain what benefit CE can deliver..

**Make a Plan for after the Election.** Talk to your board and volunteers and tell us about it. Think about your growth plans, 'pipeline'.





# Visits



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actions and resources





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## Voice of the Sector

- Lobbying, campaigning for the sector, consultations, briefings (recent barriers consultation), Election and liaison with government. State of the Sector.

## Connection, supporting

- **Fortnightly newsletters:** sign up to receive at the bottom of our website, putting "Heart of England CE" in the organisation box.
- **'How to' pages** on the website
- **Loomio practitioner forum:** for info and learning from peers - join via Networks and Learning pages
- **Energy Learning Network** - enabling community energy to grow.
- **Events**
  - **Monthly Members Calls** (30 July - insurance and REGO questions)
  - **Regional conferences** - Midlands Regional Conference (?? Sept)
  - **Awards** (Bristol) 22 Nov.
- **Community Energy Fortnight** 1-14 July. See Events pages.

# General Election 2024

**Increase your Visibility ~ Contact your Candidates ~ Make a Plan to do more**



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