**Surrey Energy Partnership forum – February 2024**

*22nd February 2024, hosted on Zoom by Surrey Climate Commission*

Many thanks to everyone who attended the SEP virtual event on 22 Feb. We had over 80 people register, making this one of our highest attendance events.

Titled ‘Making Housing Retrofit Work for Surrey’ we had three excellent talks from Dr Tom Roberts, Andy Gaisford, and Ben McCallan. My thanks to Ben to giving Andy’s talk at short notice.

The Zoom recording of the whole meeting is available here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/AMJRweY3afC_RcSNgqjWy3hRL5hki0GJxYh-tOZN3SMXxGkaMNwacZO2p0ShlDV0.Y3xK-WZEXPs-yUYT>. Passcode: tqRJ6!8@

In brief:

* Dr Tom Roberts, University of Surrey, provided insights from his research with SCC into why people drop out of council-run energy efficiency programmes. The research findings are very current and provide valuable insight for all organisations trying to engage households on carbon reduction activity.
* Andy Gaisford’s talk outlined the new Local Energy Advice Demonstrator project, funded by DESNEZ, which will develop a new inclusive advice and support service for Surrey.
* Ben McCallan described Zero Carbon Guildford’s home energy advice taskforce – which takes energy advice out to people in their homes, and the new Community Energy programme for Surrey.
* I outlined the latest activity of SEP, which include running focus groups for the LEAD project.

Summary from SEP:

* Surrey Energy Partnership has been running as a voluntary network for nearly 5 years, and it is going strong. Thanks to all our members and supporters.
* Action on Housing Retrofit is growing, with a range of projects across Surrey.
* SEP will be setting up a new Renewables Action Group shortly, with CES. Please get in contact if you wish to take part.

Many thanks for being part of Surrey Energy Partnership. Best wishes,

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Chair, Surrey Energy Partnership

Extract from Tom Roberts’ talk Extract from Ben McCallan’s talk

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