

Report of the Gower AONB Team Leader

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 5 October 2015

GOWER AONB – ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUBGROUP– PROGRESS

The steering group has previously AGREED that a renewable energy subgroup be formed in order to formulate the draft policy of the Steering Group on renewable energy; and that the subgroup should report its findings to the Steering Group in due course.

The subgroup (G Howe (Chair), A Woodman, P Lanfear, Steve Heard and Councillor K E Marsh) met on 7 January 2015, with the AONB Team (Chris Lindley and Mike Scott) in attendance. The meeting reviewed the range of issues, technologies, policy and guidance/policy adopted in other AONBs.

The Subgroup asked the AONB Team to prepare a position statement for the approval of the Steering Group. The statement would inform the local planning authority, landowners, applicants and other interested parties regarding the development of new energy projects within – or likely to affect – the Gower AONB. The scope of the position statement would be broadened, to include other (non-renewable) energy technologies that could impact on the AONB. There was also some discussion on future energy provision and technologies.

The AONB Team have not had capacity to work on this because of the necessity to engage with the Designated Landscapes Review over this spring and summer. The following programme has been agreed with the Alternative Energy subgroup to develop the position statement and bring it to the Steering Group for discussion.

Sept- Oct	Draft Position Statement and circulate to Alternative Energy sub-group – circulate by 23 October
Week ending 13 Nov -	sub-group meeting to discuss and agree Position Statement
27 November	Final draft circulated to sub-group for agreement
11 December	Issue Position Statement for inclusion in AONB Steering Group agenda and papers
21 December	AONB Steering Group

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25 September 2015