



Agenda Item No.08e

Briefing for Corsham Area Board on Transcoco's Insulation Project

Transition Community Corsham (Transcoco), the local environmental group, is working with the Energy Saving Trust (EST) to promote a subsidised insulation scheme for residents of the Corsham Community Area. We would like to make the Corsham Area Board aware of this scheme, as it benefits local people and contributes towards Wiltshire Council's sustainability objectives.

What is the scheme?

The scheme enables residents to obtain loft and cavity wall insulation at subsidised prices (in some cases free), enabling them to make significant savings on energy bills. With loft insulation at £149 and cavity wall insulation at £129, a typical home is likely to save around £300 a year, allowing it to recoup costs within the first year and make savings every year after then, especially as energy costs continue to rise. The subsidy is provided through the Government's CERT scheme (Carbon Emissions Reduction Target). All residents need to do to access the scheme is to call the Energy Saving Trust on a freephone number (0800 512 012), and arrange a free, no-obligation survey, provided by the insulation installer, a reputable national company called Domestic and General. Similar schemes are already operating successfully in a number of other areas across the UK.

How is it being promoted?

Transcoco is promoting the scheme across the community over the next six months. The launch at the Corsham Farmers' Market on 16th January will be followed by a series of community events throughout the community area, including Box, Lacock and Colerne. Transcoco is promoting the scheme because it will help to reduce carbon emissions. We obtain no financial benefit from the scheme: all we want to do is to inform residents about the scheme and, if they are interested, to contact EST for a survey.

How does the scheme contribute to the Community?

The scheme provides tangible benefits to local people by saving them money on their energy bills. It particularly benefits older people or those receiving qualifying benefits, who are more likely to be on lower incomes. It also helps by contributing to Wiltshire Council's commitments to reduce Wiltshire's carbon footprint, including the commitments under the Nottingham Declaration and the commitment to 10:10 (10% carbon emission reductions in 2010).