

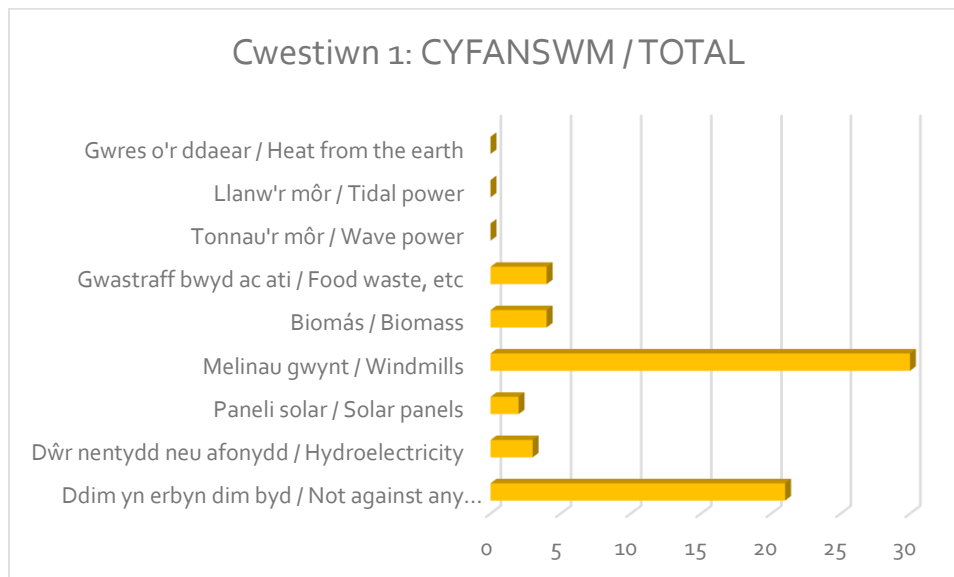
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CONSULTATION RESPONSES – MAY 2017

QUESTION 1

Is there a means of producing sustainable energy that you wouldn't want in this community – even if we owned it ourselves?

	Cilcennin	Ciliau Aeron	Cribyn	Dyffryn Arth	Llwynygroes	Talsarn	Temple Bar	TOTAL
Not against any means	2	7	3	7		2		21
Hydroelectricity		2				1		3
Solar panels	1	1						2
Windmills	3	9	3	1	2	10	2	30
Biomass	1	3						4
Food waste, etc.		1				2	1	4
Wave power								0
Tidal power								0
Heat from the earth								0



CONCLUSIONS

- Many were not against any means, but noted that **small scale** projects should be considered as opposed to large scale projects which could have a negative effect on the environment and landscape
- Many residents (21) noted that they are not against any means of producing sustainable energy
- Windmills are the least popular option (30)

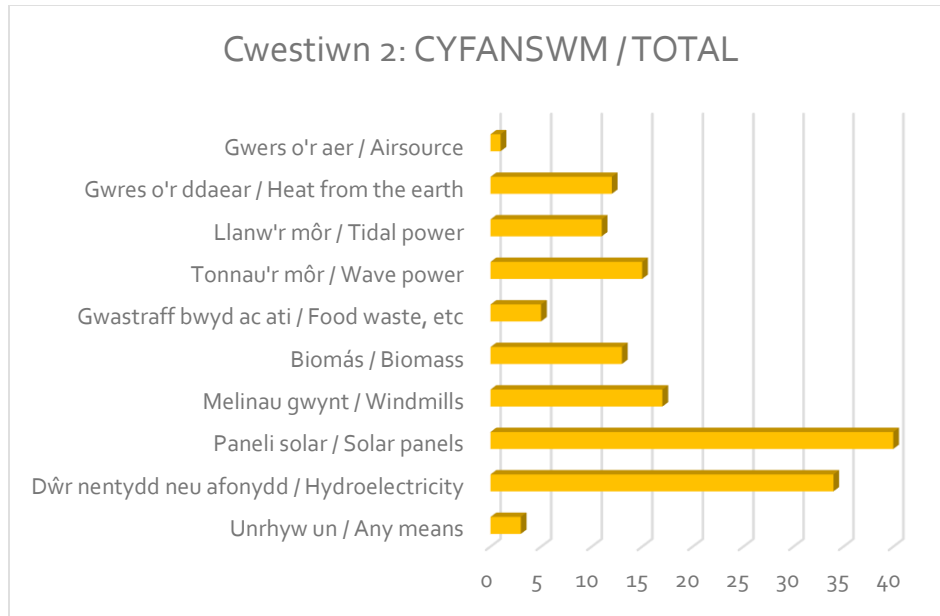
COMMENTS

- One person noted that they would not want to see a development which residents could hear or smell in their gardens or house
- Some noted that they would not wish to create energy from fracking or nuclear energy, but they are not considered to be sustainable energy sources
- One idea was to use the river Aeron as a symbol, since it was straightened in the 30s in order to improve the land

QUESTION 2

What means of producing sustainable energy do you think could be a good idea for us to develop ourselves in this locality?

	Cilcennin	Ciliau Aeron	Cribyn	Dyffryn Arth	Llwynygroes	Talsarn	Temple Bar	TOTAL
Any means	1	1				1		3
Hydroelectricity	3	8	8	6	1	6	2	34
Solar panels	4	13	6	6	2	7	2	40
Windmills	1	3	4	5	1	2	1	17
Biomass		4	1		1	6	1	13
Food waste, etc.		1	1			3		5
Wave power	1	7		3		3	1	15
Tidal power		1	4	2		3	1	11
Heat from the earth		4			1	6	1	12
Air source			1					1



CONCLUSIONS

- Hydroelectricity, wave and tidal power were popular options (60)
- Solar panels was also a popular option (40)
- It was noted that any hydroelectricity scheme would need to consider environmental factors
- 'Air source' was noted as an additional option to the examples provided, as well as the idea of having regular collections of garden waste, and composting that waste before selling it in bags

QUESTION 3

If we were to develop our own sustainable energy how could we use the income generated to strengthen our local economy?

CONCLUSIONS

> **WE SHOULD AIM TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

> **THE INVESTMENT SHOULD STAY IN THE LOCAL AREA (NO INCOME TO LARGE COMPANIES)**

> **A NUMBER OF IDEAS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED FOR INVESTING THE INCOME IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY, SOCIAL SCHEMES AND LOCAL SERVICES/FACILITIES**

IDEAS

> TO INVEST IN SERVICES / FACILITIES

To invest in depleted services:

- public transport: buses, trains (e.g. solar powered trains), community electricity transport, improve roads
- to invest in local schools
- to provide evening bus transport for people who do not wish to drive at night
- to improve street lighting in some areas

To invest in new facilities:

- bus stops with solar lighting
- electricity points for electric cars
- to extend the cycle track from Llanerchaeron to Lampeter

> TO INVEST IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY

To support local businesses:

- to create a credit union supporting small business to grow
- to sell the energy to local businesses on a cheaper tariff
- to provide support/training to enable local businesses to access new markets using the internet
- to promote bursaries to support small businesses to grow

New developments:

- to offer opportunities to produce, process and sell food locally
- to invest in a cooperative processing centre to enable small producers to add value to their produce
- mobile shop for rural communities
- to invest in employing young people in sustainable energy projects
- apprenticeships for young people
- free parking
- to invest in producing more sustainable energy, and sell the surplus to the national grid

> TO INVEST IN SOCIAL SCHEMES

To strengthen community activities:

- to invest in high quality events
- to support to local Young Farmers Clubs

- to support local Urdd groups and sports facilities

Cooperative schemes:

- to support a community pub / club / local produce shop / community centre or cinema
- to create a community orchard or buy land for allotments, or community farm

Schemes which will benefit the society:

- training and education, e.g. to teach children how to be more self-sufficient, and adult education
- youth work
- elderly care or support
- free Welsh classes for non-Welsh speakers new to the area
- schemes which would promote the Welsh language
- support to maintain community halls, e.g. offer free electricity

> INVESTMENT TRANSFERRED TO FAMILIES

- to create a money lending fund for people to insulate their homes, to avoid energy poverty
- to buy solar panels for homes
- to keep energy prices low for families, especially low income families and the elderly
- to provide affordable, sustainable homes to local people – especially people on low incomes
- people to receive shares of the profit over time
- reduce residents' council tax bills

> TO CREATE A FUND

- committee to decide how to invest the money on an annual basis
- to create a fund which local organisations could apply for

OTHER INTERESTING COMMENTS

- Ensuring good insulation is essential
- Moving towards the wider picture of sustainability would enable young people to stay and live locally
- "Being self-sufficient, regarding electricity, is a massive step for the community and would promote pride, which would encourage locals to buy local produce"
- "I think this is a valuable initiative"

- “I would be very happy with any means of producing sustainable energy in this area. I support this project 100%.”

METHODOLOGY

- each questionnaire was considered as 1 response (unless 2 separate responses were provided on the same sheet)
- many have responded noting they would/would not like to see more than one option
- responses noting ‘water’ have been recorded as Hydroelectricity, therefore the exact figures for wave power and tidal power could be higher

COMMUNITIES

Community	No. of responses
Ciliau Aeron and Aberaeron	23
Cribyn	11
Dyffryn Arth	10
Llwynygroes	3
Talsarn, Abermeurig and Felinfach	15
Temple Bar	6
Cilcennin	5

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES: 73