

Charity number: 1158820

The Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust
(WeSET)
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Introduction

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 under the Charities Act 2011, together with the unaudited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Westmill Energy Sustainable Energy Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1158820).

1. Objectives and activities

Objectives

The objectives of The Westmill Sustainable Trust are to promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively, within 25 miles of Westmill Wind and Solar Farms (SN6 8TH) by promoting the deployment of sustainable energy, promoting education in the deployment of sustainable energy and making grants to such persons or organisations as the trustees see fit in order to promote and encourage the deployment of sustainable energy.

Education

We participated in a number of webinar discussions this year which have given us the opportunity to talk about and share links to our educational materials. These have included The Art and Energy Collective, Low Carbon Hub, The Ministry of Eco Education, Bioregional and One Planet Oxfordshire.

Throughout the year we have continued to contact schools and groups with updates and information about what we can offer in terms of visits, from remote guided tours, site visits and visits in conjunction with Farmer Gow's, to what we can offer in terms of visiting the school and presenting/running activities. We have been using Twitter to share and publicise our materials and collaborations, this has proved useful as our network has grown and we have had interest from scout groups, home schoolers and some schools through this medium.

In May, after creating presentations specifically for use in school assemblies, we recorded a narrated video version that can be used in school, online (in case of further school closures) or for hybrid teaching where a number of pupils are joining assemblies/classes online due to isolation.

Our "Learning Resources For All Ages" resource was taken offline while we worked to consolidate and update existing resources and create new ones. A new home will be created on the Website for these resources in 2022.

Thanks to a grant from Low Carbon Hub (LCH) to support our educational projects we explored existing industry materials available to support EPQs, created resource files, and drafted ideas/formats with which to approach a number of local secondary schools and colleges after Easter 2022. These will also be available online. Work also began on creating community energy case studies specifically for Westmill Wind and Westmill Solar and associated materials specifically for use by teachers/students at KS4 in line with GCSE specifications as in the LCH funding plan.

Several new activity sheets were also completed which can be shared through Twitter, via email and were uploaded throughout the year.

We continued to work on new lessons, building on those created in 2020, including finishing the EV lessons and a lesson looking specifically at The Grid was finalised.

In October Luke Sinnick, Head of Environmental Sciences at the New College and North Star College campuses in Swindon got in touch to arrange a 'manned' information stand and talks on both sites during COP26. These visits took place in November, and we spent 2 full days at New College Swindon and North Star Swindon respectively, setting up and 'manning' the display in their foyers chatting informally to students and teachers as well as giving 5 presentations to different groups of students, predominantly environmental science classes but also eco-tourism and Art and design.

In December 2021 Low Energy Oxford got in touch to arrange meetings in early 2022 with a view to commissioning educational materials looking at LEO case studies and The Energy Challenge.

Collaborations

Moths to a Flame

In early 2021, The Art and Energy Collective got in touch to see if we would like to be a collaborating partner in their 'Moths to a Flame' project (<https://www.mothstoafame.art/>). The idea of MTAF was threefold - making and decorating moths by re-using LDPE milk bottles, designing/colouring in moth templates which would be brought to life using an AR app and recording messages of hope to highlight the effects of climate change on the natural world, in this case, Moths. This was all to take place in the run-up to COP26 and during the conference by way of an installation at the Botanical gardens Glasgow.

With future Covid restrictions in mind, it was decided that, as the installation made its way to COP26 in real-time, they would have a number of virtual 'landing points' of which we would be one. To this end, we planned a one-day event with peripheral related online events and invited local families and schools to participate. Local primary schools received Moth making kits and AR moth colouring sheets with the project App link enabling them to bring their moths to life and to record/video a message of hope to be played at the installation in Glasgow. This was followed up with further information sent to each Head Teacher which included information about Westmill, visits, educational materials and activities. In the run-up to the event, we took part in a live video broadcast from Westmill. These 'Watch Moths' gave collaborators an opportunity to talk about their venue and event.

Thanks to a generous grant from The Art and Energy Collective we were able to run the event and buy and create reusable resources. The Moths to a Flame open day event in September (as part of Big Green Week (BGW)) was successful and we had some very positive feedback. We offered tours of both wind and solar alongside a variety of creative activities including cyanotype printmaking, screen printing and wildflower meadow seed bomb-making as well as moth making. We wrote an event report for The Art and Energy Collective who published it on their blog and news pages. All 65 of our moths made at the event as well as those made by local schools made their way alongside over 20,000 others by electric vehicle to COP26 where the exhibit was very well received.

We took part in a final live broadcast on Friday 26th November, and produced a video review of our participation in Moths to a Flame which was made available on their website and on social media.

During Big Green Week we also recorded answers to interview questions about our education program for BBC Radio Oxford on-site under Turbine 4.

From the Ground Up

'From the Ground Up' was an exhibition held at The Old Fire Station (TOFS), Oxford in which we designed a 'Visit Westmill' Poster inspired by the ubiquitous rail poster of the early 1900s and created a video in real-time of painting the wind turbines and solar array. Edited together with interview recordings we created a video about the story of Westmill. This was displayed at TOFS from late August for 6 weeks and then toured briefly afterwards. The exhibit is still available to view on their website <https://www.from-the-ground-up.co.uk/>

EDF/Pivot Power

Collaborating with EDF/Pivot Power we created educational materials for the Energy Superhub Oxford. After a couple of online meetings and a proposal we were asked to design and create educational materials pitched at KS4 GCSE Geography students. These took the form of a series of case studies, linked presentations and associated materials including worksheets, activity sheets and fieldwork templates. These were completed in late July in time for trials in the new academic year. They have had some good feedback and they may be interested in further collaboration.

<https://energysuperhuboxford.org/schools-and-educators/resources/>

We also provided answers for questions in a written interview for Pivot power which went onto their blog.

<https://energysuperhuboxford.org/eso-in-conversation-emma-arnold-weset/>



Farmer Gow's

For a site visit from Farmer Gow's groups, we created worksheets and signage for a fact-finding trail. We had our first collaborative visit on Monday 13th September which we ran with Farmer Gow's team joining in. We have since had feedback meetings and have adapted the materials accordingly. We will be meeting again soon with a view to preparing for further visits from March 2022.

Visits

With restrictions imposed by the Government surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic extending into the first few months of the year, tours of the Westmill Wind Farm and Solar Park at the start of 2021 remained restricted to our online virtual tours. We welcomed nearly 50 visitors in this manner

during the first six weeks of the year, with a special virtual tour presented to members of the Poole Radio Yacht Club.

In March, video production company Big Blue 8 visited Westmill to create a video https://www.dhl.com/global-en/home/industry-sectors/automotive/dhl-ev-tv-series/episode-1-our-environment.html#parsysPath_text_image for the logistics company DHL on its involvement in the electric vehicle (EV) supply chain and the positive impact that EVs make. The production company later commented: "Thanks for arranging the filming at Westmill. The whole thing was very well organised at short notice and Alan (volunteer guide) was a delight to work with and very patient with us."

A film crew arrived at Westmill in April to shoot 'Dandelion', a sci-fi short film, currently in post-production and due to go into film festivals globally and eventually online for watching. After much coordination, the shoot took place over three days. Director Gillian Simpson later commented: "Hope you are well, I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all your help with our film, the shoot went really well and it's looking great! We are so grateful to you for allowing us to film on the farm and to all the volunteers who so kindly gave up their time to help out."

By June, the Government's COVID-19 restrictions began to ease and, after a 20-month enforced hiatus, the Westmill gates opened again on Saturday 19th June for a much-anticipated public on-site tour day. Four further public on-site tour days took place from August through October. Nearly 60 people visited in Westmill visited in this way throughout 2021 and, given the cautious feeling by many to social activities with large gatherings, this seemed to be a healthy interest. Some of the notable comments received include "very informative and welcoming", "everybody (was) very helpful and willing to answer any questions honestly ... the experience (was) very informative ... could not fault it", and "(enjoyed) the enthusiasm and knowledge of the volunteer guides".

In addition to our public on-site tour days, our bespoke visits for large groups also resumed. Parties of people including Oxfordshire Green Party, First Faringdon Cubs, Engineering Forum of Nigerians UK and Cirencester College have enjoyed a trip to our Wind Farm & Solar Park. Over 140 people (seven separate groups in total) visited in this way. One group enjoyed "the open-air setting, knowledgeable guides and the potential for sustainable energy which was not apparent until visiting the site.

The public virtual tours continued to run throughout the year, in tandem with physical visits. Nearly 80 people joined these tours. Interest has come from far and wide: the Republic of Ireland, Germany, Luxembourg, the United States, Canada, Nigeria, Columbia and Singapore.

Additionally, some bespoke virtual tours took place for large groups such as schools, associations and clubs. The first tour of this nature occurred in October, when 73 pupils from Kingsclere Church of England Primary School enjoyed a virtual tour. In this case, the children wanted to understand how solar energy is generated and the positive impact on the environment. These sorts of tours are proving to be a productive way of sharing the positive impact of Westmill not only with local schools but with academic institutions all around the UK.

Also in October, Westmill was chosen as the location with which to make a video about the PhD research of a student from Cardiff University which investigated what happens to wind and solar farms at the end of their 25-year planning consent. The video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4_YxHeaWWsuTube was a winner at the Economic And Social Research Council's Celebrating Impact Prize 2021. The findings have also been shared with the European wind energy industry.

2. People matter

The Trustees would like to thank all those who volunteered time and effort to make WeSET so successful. It has been a difficult year and we really appreciate your support and patience.

3. We want to give

We are happy to share our documents as examples of what is needed to become a CIO – every energy scheme should have one!

4. You

If what you have read interests you in anyway, please get in touch and get involved. We welcome views on how we can best to promote the sustainable use of energy. please contact: Mike Blanch at michaelblanch@btinternet.com

5. Structure, governance and management

The Westmill Sustainable Trust is a registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), charity number 1158820 constituted by a constitution dated 18 June 2014. Previously it had been a registered Charity, charity number 1132379, constituted by trust deed dated 27 January 2009. The CIO charitable structure was not available when WeSET was originally formed and the 1132379 charity was formerly closed in January 2019.

As far as possible 65% of Trustees should be members of either Westmill Wind Farm or Westmill Solar Farm, and 65% of Trustees should reside within 25 miles of Westmill Wind Farm (SN6 8TH).

6. Recruitment and appointment of new trustees.

Applications to be a trustee are welcome at any time. Appointment of new trustees is subject to meeting the eligibility for trusteeship in the constitution and agreement, and a majority vote in favour by the charity trustees who must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

7. MOU with Westmill Solar Co-operative Limited and Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative limited

WeSET agreed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Westmill Solar Co-operative Limited and Westmill Wind Farm Cooperative Limited formalising where we share an overall vision and a commitment to promote renewable energy and sustainable lifestyles and defining a set of shared objectives. It included:

- A three-year rolling commitment of donations from the Coops and the related business planning process to determine the donations.
- Establishing a Liaison Group, and
- Reporting.

8. Financial Review

Income rose in 2021 as a result of the continued generous support of our Coop partners making their full contributions set out in the MOU as well as a Q4 2020 instalment. As well as the regular commitments, Westmill Solar continued to support WeSET's objectives providing restricted funds for our projects.

Expenditure rose as the bulk of bills related to the now moth balled Westmill Centre project came in.

Education costs remained steady with costs associated with site visits rising as a result of our renewed focus on making the site available for the public facilitated by additional resources committed to this area.

Large events at the site continued to be postponed due to COVID while we continued to assess to appetite for these.

With a reducing influence of COVID and focused activities we finish the year with a stronger balance sheet than the prior year ensuring we can continue to make progress on our charitable objectives.

7.1 Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to seek to maintain reserves of £3,000 to maintain contracts with consultants delivering work especially in the beginning months of the financial year before expected income is received.

7.2 Risk management

The fixed operating costs of the charity are primarily fees to consultants. The Trustees consider that this prudent closing cash balance policy minimises the risks to which the charity is exposed.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Blanch', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mike Blanch, Chair

Independent examiners report to the Trustees of The Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examiner's work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the account requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Dated: 14th July 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Receipts from:					
Donations	2	43,616	11,630	55,246	37,748
Grants	3	-	500	500	-
Investments	4	412	-	412	609
Total receipts		44,028	12,130	56,158	38,356
Payments for:					
Charitable activities	5	(8,382)	(19,455)	(27,836)	(45,237)
Other	6	(26,934)	-	(26,934)	(3,225)
Total payments		(35,316)	(19,455)	(54,770)	(48,462)
Net of receipts/(payments)		8,712	(7,325)	1,388	86,819
Cash funds this year		42,673	(2,672)	40,001	37,791

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

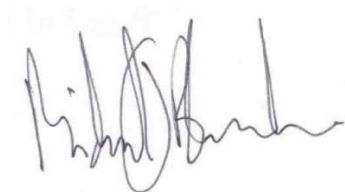
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Charity number: 1158820

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed assets	8	17,217	18,102
Investments	9	9,137	9,137
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		40,063	37,791
Net assets		<u>66,417</u>	<u>65,030</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	10	(3,172)	4,153
Unrestricted funds	10	69,589	60,877
Total funds		<u>66,417</u>	<u>65,030</u>

The Trustees consider that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with the section 476 of the Act.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 5 October 2022 signed on their behalf, by:



Mike Blanch, Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting policies

The Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (registered charity number 1158820). Its registered office and principal place of business is 8 Maple Gardens, Milton, Abingdon, EX14 4GP.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under payments and receipts basis.

The Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which the Trustees consider to be appropriate as a result of projections prepared, which together with the level of working capital and realisable investments available indicate the charity will be able to operate within the facilities currently available. There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the going concern basis becoming non-applicable.

1.3 Payments and receipts basis

Payments and receipts are recognised within the accounts on the date of transaction.

1.4 Investments

Investments of shares within Westmill Wind Farm are stated at historic cost.

1.5 Taxation

As a registered charity The Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust is entitled to taxation exemptions on all of its income and gains, properly applied for its charitable purposes.

1.6 Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided in order to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets owned over their anticipated useful economic life (UEL) as follows:

Solar PV Panels - 25 years straight line

1.6 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes of the financial statements.

Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	43,616	11,630	55,246	37,748
	<hr/> 43,616	<hr/> 11,630	<hr/> 55,246	<hr/> 37,748

3. Grants

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Art and Energy	-	500	500	-

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Feed In Tariff	-	-	-	-
Dividend	412	-	412	609
	<hr/> 412	<hr/> -	<hr/> 412	<hr/> 609

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Education	(927)	(12,432)	(13,359)	(11,566)
Visits	(7,455)	-	(7,455)	(2,215)
Events	-	-	-	(19,165)
Westmill Centre	-	(6,023)	(6,023)	(11,581)
Grants and donations	-	-	-	(711)
	(8,382)	(18,455)	(26,836)	(45,237)

6. Other costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiner's fees	(1,500)	-
Premises costs	(23,441)	(699)
Administration costs	(1,108)	(1,164)
Sundry costs	-	(477)
Depreciation	(885)	(885)
	(26,934)	(3,225)

7. Staff costs

During 2021, WeSET had no employees (2020: 0). The progression of WeSET's objectives was achieved by it's Trustees, contractors and volunteers.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

8. Fixed assets

	Solar Panels
Cost	
As at 1 January 2021	<u>22,142</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>22,142</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2021	4,040
Charge for the period	<u>885</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>4,925</u>
Net book value	
As at 1 January 2021	<u>18,102</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>17,217</u>

9. Investments

Westmill Wind Farm Shares	9,137
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2021
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	60,877	44,028	(35,316)	69,589
Restricted funds				
School Energy Resource Packs	9,939	1,630	(12,432)	(864)
People's Power Station live website enhancement	450	-	-	450
Warm room at Westmill site	(7,736)	10,000	(6,023)	(3,758)
Low Carbon Hub	1,500	-	-	1,500
Art and Energy	-	500	(1,000)	(500)
	4,153	12,130	(19,455)	(3,172)
	65,030	56,158	(54,770)	66,417

Restricted funds

The School Energy Resource Packs comprises of funds donated by Westmill Solar Coop for the development and publishment of educational materials.

Website enhancement was to install a live dashboard on their website showing real time energy production.

Warm room at Westmill has developed into the "Westmill Centre", assessing the feasibility, and installation of a centre based on the Westmill farm.

Low Carbon Hub fund to produce educational materials.

Art and Energy is the first of two instalments helping to fund the Moths to a Flame materials.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2020
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	60,289	29,466	(28,878)	60,877
Restricted funds				
School Energy Resource Packs	9,052	8,890	(8,003)	9,939
People's Power Station live website enhancement	450	-	-	450
Warm room at Westmill site	3,845	-	(11,581)	(7,736)
Carbon Hub	1,500	-	-	1,500
	14,847	8,890	(19,584)	4,153
	75,136	38,356	(48,462)	65,030

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed assets	17,217	-	17,217
Investments	9,137	-	9,137
Current assets	43,235	(3,172)	40,063
	69,589	(3,172)	66,417