

# Project LEO Newsletter

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Local Energy Oxfordshire

## Maximising prosperity of local energy systems



## FIRST LEO RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT GOES LIVE

**Thames Travel cuts carbon emissions and becomes the first project in innovative smart trial.**

Thames Travel bus depot in Didcot will now be meeting almost 30% of its electricity needs from 175 solar panels installed on their roof, thanks to a partnership with social enterprise Low Carbon Hub.

This new 50 kWp solar PV scheme on the bus depot roof in Didcot is the first renewable energy project to 'plug into' Project LEO, which is being 'one of the most ambitious, wide-ranging, innovative, and holistic smart grid trials ever conducted in the UK'.

The Low Carbon Hub's portfolio of renewable energy projects, including this Thames Travel installation, will provide the clean energy generation as part of an ambitious real world demonstration of flexibility and energy services.

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Thames Travel Bus depot, Didcot  
Credit: Low Carbon Hub

*"This installation is the first of many new installations at the Low Carbon Hub that will form part of Project LEO, the partnership project that is looking to change the energy system as we know it."*

Tom Heel, Business  
Development Director  
Low Carbon Hub

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# INTEREST IN LEO RAMPS UP

The Project LEO team have been busy welcoming visitors from a range of organisations as news of this innovative trial spreads.

## *Ofgem tour Sandford Hydro*

Low Carbon Hub's CEO, Barbara Hammond, welcomed the Executive Director of Ofgem to Sandford Hydro, the largest community-owned hydro on the Thames. They toured the site and then sat down to discuss the potential of Project LEO.

## *House of Commons Science and Technology Committee visit*

In July we hosted key parliamentarians, including the Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, Norman Lamb.

The group visited Osney Lock Hydro and were introduced to this community-owned hydro that will be one of the renewable energy projects involved in Project LEO. The visit also featured in the local press.

## *Labour Party group*

The team also welcomed a Labour Party delegation to talk about Project LEO and the changes needed to transition to a zero-carbon energy future.

Local Oxford MP, Anneliese Dodds and Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, toured Osney Lock Hydro and visited the Low Carbon Hub offices for a discussion with Barbara Hammond, CEO of Low Carbon Hub and Mel Bryce, Lead Investment Engineer, SSEN.



Anneliese Dodds, MP Oxford East and Dr Alan Whitehead, MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change at Osney Lock Hydro, the first community-owned hydro on the Thames.

# LAUNCH EVENT

Project LEO was officially launched at a small event at Oxford Town Hall in July 2019, hosted by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Craig Simmons.

Along with the Lord Mayor, attendees heard from key people involved in the project including Barbara Hammond, Low Carbon Hub and Mel Bryce, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks.

It was a great opening to create a buzz around the project.



Barbara Hammond, CEO, Low Carbon Hub and Craig Simmons, Lord Mayor of Oxford

# OUT AND ABOUT

The Project LEO team have also been invited to talk about the project at several events across Oxford, including:

Oxford Energy Network hosted Professor Malcolm McCulloch for a public lecture on Project LEO to a highly engaged public and academic audience.

OxFutures II hosted Dr Scot Wheeler of Oxford University to introduce the project to an audience of engaged small businesses from across the county.

## STAY IN TOUCH

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