

## STOP THE LUSCOMBE CROSS WIND TURBINES - PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting on 7th Nov. at Harbertonford village hall drew over 50 people, chaired by Ian Phillips. Guest speakers John O'Sullivan and Hans Schreuder explained how wind energy relies on the almost 100% continuation of existing methods of power generation, owing to its extreme variability. Recent research in Holland shows that, far from reducing the "carbon footprint", wind turbines actually increase it.

A clip was shown of the film "Pandora's Pinwheels" (via the internet) about families in OZ and NZ, living up to 3 miles from wind turbines, driven out of their homes by low frequency noise, and with experts discussing the health threat. The same fate has befallen some families in Britain. Harberton and Harbertonford lie within approx. a one and a half mile radius of the proposed turbines, and these are not "farms" but "wind power stations". As industrial plant, they should be subject to the British Standard BS4142 and not the existing guideline, ETSU-R-97, which was drawn up by the wind industry themselves, and described by the Department of Trade and Industry as "not fit for purpose".

They challenged the belief that we need wind energy because the carbon dioxide from fossil fuel use is causing a runaway overheating of the planet. They showed, via numerous charts/graphs and quotes, that temperature changes over the last century have been very small, and that there is no warming this century.

Further, satellite produced data on the amount of polar ice cover shows no overall trend over several decades. And the polar bear population has, in fact, increased greatly since the 1960s. A petition is underway to ask the developers and landowner to erect a helium balloon on the site, as this is the only way to demonstrate the reality of the 325ft height of these proposed structures.

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