

MEETING

21 June 2009

PRESENT:

Eight people attended the April meeting with attendees from Armidale, Kentucky, and Myall Lakes.

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

SLA Transport Group

Lindsay Fulloon, convenor for the SLA Transport Group, explained that the Transport group was a focus group of the Transition Towns initiative. Their aim is to find sustainable means of transportation that will provide a smooth transition into the "energy decent". The Transport Group meets the last Monday of every month at 7.30pm at Kent House on Faulkner St.

Skype Session

Nathan Bolton joined our meeting via Skype Video. Bellingham has asked Nathan about the feasibility of converting a bus to electric as a form of public transport and as a vehicle for transporting people to our EVNE meetings. This would involve the inclusion of a pusher-trailer for the trip to Armidale. It would also help to have a 3-phase charging station in Armidale to top up the batteries for the trip back to Bellingham. Christie suggested that EVNE could approach Armidale City Council about installing a special charging outlet at the Information Centre with the possibility of holding our meetings across the street at the Wicklow. Nathan says that a charging outlet could be dual purpose and include both 3-phase and a normal 15v option.

Book Donation to Library

Christie suggested that EVNE purchase 2 or 3 EV conversion books to donate to the Armidale Public Library. It would raise awareness in the community as well as provide resources for those wishing to convert their own vehicles. Jim pointed out that there could be a problem with a donation so Christie will call the library to find out more on their policies.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of EVNE will be 16 August at 291 Beardy Street from 3pm to 5pm.