

## Energise South Downs – Community Energy

The vision of Energise South Downs is **to cut carbon emissions within the South Downs** and the surrounding areas **by encouraging renewable energy** that is generated locally and which benefits the local community.

Community energy offers people and communities the opportunity to take tangible action to help tackle spiralling energy costs, energy insecurity and climate change at a local level, it creates local jobs while surplus profit from community energy schemes is channelled into local projects such as supporting fuel poverty programmes.

Energise South Downs is a non profit organisation working with local authorities, private landowners, commercial companies and the public sector to help them move towards renewable energy by raising the capital from local and crowd investors. Energy is then sold back to the organisation, reducing their energy costs and carbon footprint while ensuring a return for the investor.

Founding member Catriona Cockburn says ‘Living and working in our beautiful surroundings is always a reminder of what drives me and others to take action to protect the environment for future generations, community energy is one way we can come together to do this.’



*Our first meeting brought together many communities and founding members who are passionate about Community Energy.*

**Maybe you have a good idea for developing renewable energy in your community or if you would like to find out more please contact [hello@energisesouthdowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@energisesouthdowns.org.uk)**