

Westfield Community Group  
6th November 2016

To: Dr. Lee Crookes  
Dept of Urban Studies and Planning  
University of Sheffield

Hello Lee,  
thank you for agreeing to come to Westfield for the meeting on the 16th November . I want to give you an insight into the leaders and organisations who have also been invited .

Jenny Patient - Sheffield Climate Alliance

Dave Berry - Sheffield Renewables

Vanessa Senger - Grow Sheffield

Steve Thompson - Principle 5 (Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre)  
Local Groups

Make Peat - Big Local

members of Westfield Community Group

Councillor Tony Downing - Advisor to Council Cabinet for Conservation

Councillor David Barker - Chair of Shortbrook School Goveners

Can I also put you in the picture of where I think we could be in a few years time in Westfield. As you know, we are regarded as a deprived township with social problems such as unemployment and drug related problems, not a place where people want to come to live. We have lost all of our amenities, the latest one being the doctors surgery. The gardening groups efforts so far have been on improving the appearance of the areas around the Com.Unity Centre and Shortbrook School, the aim being to show residents and parents that an initiative has taken place to improve things. Places that could make a difference are the primary and senior schools, by growing fruit and vegetables, and also the residents seeking suitable plots for food production.

Shortbrook School is very interested in developing this idea, even to having it on the school,curriculum.

What we could see in the light of the possible climate situation, is for Westfield to become a transition town using fossil free energy and becoming a resilient and sustainable community organised on the co-operative principle of self-help.

We could make happen here what is happening the world over.

Best wishes,  
Dennis