



**Supporting local businesses in renewable energy and energy efficiency**

## Who are we?

Forest Row Energy Co-op is a not-for profit co-operative with a vision to create a self-sufficient, energy efficient local community that is powered by renewable energy. We are actively working to secure energy for our community that 'costs less for us and the environment'.

We are industry experts that work with local businesses, organisations and homeowners to help them install renewable energy technologies and/or make their property more energy efficient. We work within a 15-mile radius of Forest Row, East Sussex.

To date some of our key achievements are:

- Securing over £80,000 for local renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.
- Providing project management, support and/or sourcing funding for six local solar PV installations with more in the pipeline.
- Conducting a government funded renewable energy feasibility study at Emerson College.
- Undertaking a home retrofit energy efficiency programme.
- Providing energy advisory 'surgeries' over 3 years.

## How can we help your business?

We offer corporate membership that includes reduced cost consultancy. This can help you kick start a renewable energy or energy efficiency initiative to help your business save money and reduce its carbon footprint.

Corporate membership starts at £250 for Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SME's). In return you will get one day of consultancy support, usually £300. You will also be entitled to one further day of consultancy at the reduced rate.

As a member of Forest Row Energy you will be invited to have your say in the development of your local community energy co-operative and will be supporting positive local action on climate change. You will also receive a membership certificate that you can use for marketing purposes.

# How have our corporate members benefited?

## The Seasons, Forest Row

Forest Row Energy provided project management to The Seasons to install their Solar PV system. This included assessing solar energy yield, suitable technologies and financial projections.

It was projected that the 5.1kWp solar installation would create over £10,000 income for The Seasons over the system lifetime. The Seasons were also keen to 'walk the talk' with their brand and ethos.



## Forest Row Parish Council

We worked with Forest Row Parish Council to secure project funding and project management for their solar PV installation and battery storage as part of our winning bid to the M&S Community Energy Competition.

We are now providing consultancy support to FRPC to build on their energy efficiency improvements to the Community Centre in Forest Row and are optimising savings on their energy storage battery.



## Cherry Garden Farm

We provided a feasibility assessment for Cherry Gardens Farm, Groombridge, for a 9.6kWp ground mounted solar PV system.

We recommended the optimal sizing of the system following the end of the government subsidies. We assessed the technologies and undertook a financial analysis.

We projected an income of over £21,000 from the installation to Cherry Gardens Farm of over the lifetime of the PV system.

cherry gardens  
organic farm shop

