

## Energy Local Clubs: What's Involved

*As part of joining the Energy Local Club, you would need to:*

✓ *Switch electricity supplier*

The PV array will not supply the whole electricity demand of your home/business. The remainder of your electricity will be supplied by a normal electricity supply company, currently Octopus Energy. Octopus are also responsible for metering and billing your total electricity use.

✓ *Have a smart meter installed*

The smart meter enables your electricity consumption to be matched to the local generation, so you pay the local rate when local electricity is available. Octopus Energy arranges your smart meter installation, which is free of charge.

✓ *Accept a Time Of Use Tariff*

When not using the local electricity, the remainder of your electricity will be charged according to the time of use (generally cheaper in the middle of the day and at night, and more expensive during peak hours in the evening).

✓ *Use electricity during the day*

The proposed new Club in Bridport will be powered by PV (solar), so the cheap local electricity will be available mostly in the daytime. Homes or businesses that use appliances (ovens, washing machines, computers, electric heating etc.) during the day will benefit most from Energy Local Club membership.

### The co-operative

The Energy Local Club is a registered co-operative. All Energy Local Club members become members of the co-op, but can choose how involved to be. You could opt just to use the electricity and pay your energy bill every month, or you may want to stand as a co-op Director.