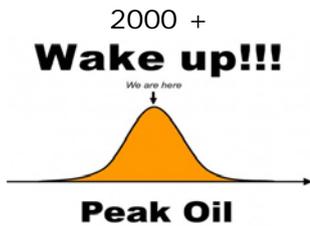


# Time Line for OVESCO Ltd & OVSCO IPS Sept 2007- Feb 2013



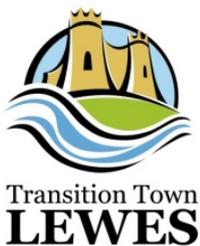
**Climate Chang, Peal Oil**, Stern report and rising unrest in Middle East. Transition movement starts up in Totnes following research lead by Rob Hopkins in Kinsale Ireland.

Early 2007



In the run up to the unleashing of Transition Town Lewes (TTL) on 24th April 2007, the original team created a Peak Oil awareness programme '**Energy Transition Comes to Lewes**'. Lewes was following Totnes the UKs first Transition Town. TTL held a one day Open Space Event about Energy. This is where the Howard Johns, Liz Madeville, Dirk Campbell, Nick Rouse, Chris Rowland and Matthew Bird (LDC) met for the first time.

April 2007



Over 400 people came to **Transition Town Lewes 'Official Unleashing'** launch event at Lewes Town Hall with a visit from Rob Hopkins. This event kick started the setting up of TTL and its core groups, such as the Food, Energy, Heart/Soul and Money Groups.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2007



Set up **Ouse Valley Energy Services Co Ltd (OVESCO Ltd)** was **registered with Companies House** (note: any profits returned to company not the share holders or company directors). See additional company information document for details.

**KEY PROJECT**  
Sept 2008 – 2012



OVESCO Ltd submitted a tender proposal to Lewes District Council (LDC) to run their **Microgeneration grant scheme** and on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008 - OVESCO Ltd was awarded the contract by LDC to run the grant scheme for a two year period. Ovesco re-tendered and was awarded a second contract and ran the LDC Microgeneration grant scheme and Energy Advice Service for a total of five years (up to 2012 when funding ended). Running the grant scheme allowed OVESCO Ltd to pay for a small office and one part time administrator (Chris Rowland). OVESCO Ltd delivered almost 250 grants during this five year period which helped local people a range of microgeneration technologies (mostly solar thermal/wood stoves, but also biomass boilers heat pumps and PV) to homes in the district.

2008 - 2013



**Nick Rouse build Energy** which OVESCO takes to events in SE (Chichester, Worthing, Brighton, Seaford, Peacehaven, Ringmer, Plumpton, Horsham). The bike features in the Politics SE show. The bike is also used as an education tool about energy efficiency at Priory School and Lewes New School. OVESCO plans to take the bike to more schools in 2013-14 by working with Steve Green at Ringmer Community College.

April 2008



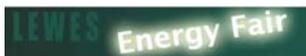
Chris Rowland talks at **Transition Conference** about OVESCO and plans to raise community investment for renewable energy projects.

2008 - 2012



**Worried about the rising costs of fuel and energy?**

Visit the Lewes Energy Fair  
June 21st Cliffe Precinct 10-2pm  
Stalls/demonstrations/information  
Talks and film show 3-5pm  
at the Thomas a Beckett hall



**Energy Fairs** held in Lewes Precinct by OVESCO and TTL. Local installers set up stalls and invite the public to find out more about home insulation, solar PV/Thermal, biomass boilers and heat pumps.

April 2009



**Hydro Power study** on river Ouse commissioned by OVESCO. Four potential sites visited by H2OPE. Barcombe Mills is identified as the site with the greatest potential. OVESCO meets with a number of EA officials to discuss the potential for micro hydro on the River Ouse.

2010 - 2013



**OPEN ECO-HOUSE WEEKEND**  
IN THE LEWES AREA  
SATURDAY 20TH-SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

Visit houses in and around Lewes to find out what others are doing and what you can do to make your house more ecofriendly and cheaper to run.  
For information go to

[www.transitiontowns.org/Lewes/energy](http://www.transitiontowns.org/Lewes/energy)  
or phone  
01273 472405



**Eco Open Houses** set up by TTL and backed by OVESCO and LDC. The event grows and TTL are now working with OVESCO directors to open up twenty homes in 2013 with the support of the South Downs National Park. One home in 2012 was visited by over one hundred members of the public in one day.

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010



**OVESCO Limited an Industrial & Provident Society for Community Benefit**, is register with the FSA. Paul Bellack joins Liz Mandeville, Chris Rowland, Nick Rouse and Dirk Campbell as company directors. A proposal is put forward by OVESCO for Community PV at Harvey Depot to the directors of Harveys Brewery (Miles Jenner and Hamish Elder).

Nov 2010



**Glyndebourne** hold a one day event to raise money for Transition Town Lewes. OVESCO is given £2000 by TTL/Lewes Pound to help launch their first share issue.

Dec 2010



Christ Church Lewes

Energy survey 16.12.10

**OVESCO surveys** a number of community buildings and homes including **Christ Church** with the help of local energy assessors. In the case of Christ Church OVESCO arranged for a local insulation company to install cavity wall and loft insulation, greatly improving the energy efficiency of the church hall.

Jan 2011



**Harveys Brewery gives the go ahead** for the 98kw of PV to be installed in return for free electricity consumed on site. OVESCO undertakes structural survey, planning application, draws up share offer document, books town hall, requests pledges invest and prepares for launch of share issue. Southern Solar are appointed as PV contractor and a contract is drawn up for both parties to sign. OVESCO employs Blake Laphorn to develop lease.

April 2011



Harveys brew special beer '**Sunshine Ale**', for launch of shares.

April – May 2011



**The successful launch of our first share issue** in Lewes was attended by a full Town Hall. The event was supported by volunteers from TTL and cheques were signed on the day by local citizens happy to invest in locally owned renewable energy. 247 people invest over £350K in OVESCO Limited IPS with a PURE loan this brings total investment to over £400K.

**KEY PROJECT**  
27<sup>th</sup> July 2011



Our 1st OVESCO Limited IPS project is completed and **98kW or 545 panels of Solar PV was installed at Harveys Depot** just three days before Feed-in Tariff is cut for the first time. There huge pressure to get the project commissioned on time and without Southern Solar it is unlikely this project would have succeeded. The solar PV panels now provide electricity for the chillers in at the Depot, reducing carbon emissions, reducing energy costs and allowing local people to benefit from investment in a large PV array on one building.



Groups all over the UK contact OVESCO asking for help with their own projects. Co-operatives UK use OVESCO as a case study.



OVESCO features in the **WWF green game-changers** as one of fifty innovations to inspire business transformations. OVESCO also features in the Rough Guide to Community Energy.

Summer 2012



**OVESCO IPS seeks new projects** and meets with Plumpton Parish Council, Priory School, Chailey School, Lewes FC, Plawhatch/Tablehurst Farm



Nick and Janet Rouse take professors Takesi and Sachiko Wada to see Harveys Depot. The professors were sent by **Japanese Government** to study community based renewable energy in Europe.

2011-2012



OVESCO supports CSE at **PlanLoCaL** events in SE at Maidstone, Horsham and Salisbury.

Dec 2011



Government propose Feed-in Tariff cuts are challenged by Howard Johns and others the **Cut Don't Kill** campaign gets underway. FOE use OVESCO as an example of community energy PV in their legal challenge of the FiT cuts.

Dec 2011



OVESCO receives £2K of grant funding from **Sussex Community Foundation** to develop online news, web site and printed news for 2012

Early 2012



**Lewes FC goes ahead with Solar PV** on South stand using their own capital following discussions with OVESCO

May 2012



OVESCO undertakes site survey, commission's structural survey and applies for planning permission for PV at **Plumpton Village Hall**. The Parish Council go ahead with Solar PV using their own capital.



**Plawhatch/Tablehurst Farm goes ahead with Solar PV** following discussions with OVESCO and Southern Solar.

Spring 2012



Dirk Campbell talks about OVESCO in the **Transition 2.0 film** saying 'no one should underestimate the amount of hard work this has been'.

March 2012



OVESCO funded by DECC's Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF) to report on potential for CHP at **Mountfield Road Lewes** with options for gas, biomass and Sterling engines. Hoare Lea commissioned to produce report on CHP and district heating. Also surveys 10 homes for energy efficiency measures.

March 2012



OVESCO secures funding for **Barcombe Parish Council** for DECC's Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF) and works with the Barcombe Energy Group. Over 200 homes improve their loft and cavity wall insulation. OVESCO maps the Parish for potential community energy projects. Mapping includes sites for Solar PV, wind turbines, micro hydro, AD, wood fuel and district heating. Renewables First commissioned to produce Hydro feasibility study for Barcombe Mills, which was sent to the EA. CSE commissioned to produce housing stock assessment.

June 2012



Chris Rowland talks about OVESCO and community energy at **Energy futures and civil society in the EU** - building a low carbon alliance in Brussels as an example of one Transition project in Europe. Following this event Filipa Leao Pimentel the European Transition Network coordinator arranges visits to a number of EESC representatives to visit a number of Transition projects in Europe including Lewes.

**KEY PROJECT**  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2012



Our second project used some of the remaining capital raised from the share issue in 2011 to install **35kW of Solar PV installed at Priory School** in Lewes by Southern Solar. This project was inspired in part by the schools Eco Group who wanted to see something significant happen at the school. The school is now working with Steve Green and Ringmer Community College to implement further carbon saving measures.



The OVESCO directors Liz Mandeville and Chris Rowland take a number of **WI members** with Will Dawson from Forum for the Future to Priory School, Harveys Brewery and the Glyndebourne wind turbine. The visit allowed the WI to learn more about local renewable power generation as part of a number of WI visits all around the UK. The WI were very positive about community owned renewables. Liz Mandeville talks at Church End (St John's Southover), Friends of Lewes, Headstrong Club, Lewes Community Archaeology Group about the benefits of community owned renewables.

**KEY PROJECT**  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012



Our third project installed **9kWp of Solar PV installed at Barcombe Nurseries** which was a site identified in LEAF survey. South Downs Solar were the installers and all the work was complete on time and before the next round of FiT cuts. This project links local organic food production at Barcombe Nurseries with locally owned energy and shows how business partners working together with similar aims can succeed for their mutual benefit. We now have organic food grown using the sun and preserved using chillers powered by solar PV.

**KEY PROJECT**  
27<sup>th</sup> July 2012



**19.5kWp of Solar PV installed at Brickyard Farm** installed by Southern Solar just days before the next round of FiT cuts. This site was identified in LEAF survey. The PV array was commissioned only a few days before the next round of FiT cuts. The panels are installed on the roof of a barn used for recycling old furniture. The fields around Brick Yard Farm have an edible garden and a campsite run by Tim Bullen.



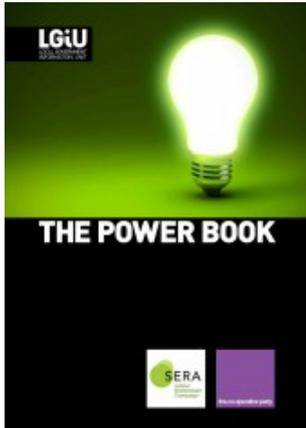
OVESCO gives talks at **Transition Network Conference** in 2012 about Community Energy and Reconomy



OVESCO runs DECC **RHPP2 Communities grant scheme** 25 homes off mains gas show interest in microgeneration.



Directors and investors get excited about the short listing of OVESCO for 2013 **Ashden Award**. OVESCO attributes its success to the hard work of Adrienne Campbell who was instrumental in setting up and developing Transition Town Lewes.



OVESCO roundtable meeting with Cathy Jamieson MP, Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury and Iain Wright MP, Shadow Competitiveness and Enterprise Minister - arranged by Good Energy and the Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA) to discuss Decentralised Energy. OVESCO features in a chapter of **The Power Book** written by Rebecca Willis of Co-operatives UK.



Following OVESCO's visit to Brussels, the Transition Network win the **European Economic and Social Committee Civil Society Prize** – "The strong European dimension of Transition Network projects does justice the overall objective of the prize and the 2012 theme: 'Innovate for a Sustainable Europe!'"

Jan 2013



**Pledges for a second share** issue in 2013 stand at £112,600 with an average investment of £3200. OVESCO plans for projects in 2013 including field scale PV and more PV for schools.

Feb 2013



OVESCO talks at the Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Policy Workshop in 2012 run by AECOM and Chris Rowland meets with **South Downs National Park** to discuss sharing knowledge and skills with other communities within the SDNP. OVESCO helps promotes Lewes District Councils 'My Home' scheme to reduce local fuel poverty.

### 2013 and beyond

OVESCO works with partners to share the model for community owned renewable energy and helps to create an **ENERGY REVOLUTION** in the UK.

### Current Ouse Valley Energy services Co Ltd and OVESCO Limited IPS Directors



Chris Rowland



Liz Mandeville



Nick Rouse



Dirk Campbell



Howard Johns



Paul Bellack