## **Barnsley Utopia**

P2P trading platform with low carbon locally generated electricity

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## **Energise Barnsley**

#### Story so far...

- Largest rooftop solar community energy & local authority project in the UK
- 321 Berneslai Homes Solar PV installation circa 900kWp & 16 Barnsley Council properties (schools & sheltered accommodation) circa 600kWp = 1.5MW rooftop solar assets
- 40 residential batteries fitted in 2017
- 7MW battery into planning 2018
- £800/- Barnsley Community Solar Bond paying 5% per annum for 5 year term
- Long term £1.2m loan facility from ethical bank 'Charity Bank' for Energise Barnsley
- Berneslai homes tenants have benefitted from over £70,000 reduced electricity bills & over 1,600 tonnes of reduced CO<sub>2</sub> to date
- Community Fund 2017 <a href="http://www.energisebarnsley.co.uk/social-impact-reports/">http://www.energisebarnsley.co.uk/social-impact-reports/</a> & 2018 cohort
- Solar PV is the start for Energise Barnsley 2018 P2P trading & DSR for ASHP's



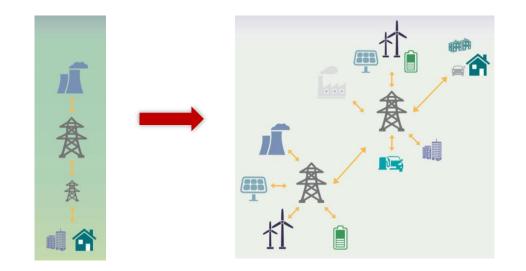






## P2P trading

- Electricity generated centrally
- Networks were designed with a top-down approach in mind
- Distributed Generation has changed the power flow dynamics
- EB would like local distribution network to become a local trading platform
- EB believes that local low carbon electricity generation & battery storage can support demand for 70% of home electricity needs











## Solar, Storage & microgrids

#### **Ofgem Project**

- 2 year NIA funded community project focusing on social housing
- £300k batteries, monitoring & data analysis

#### For tenants

- Aims to reduce electricity bills
- Increase energy awareness
- Reduce reinforcement works & financial model

#### **For Northern Powergrid**

- 2030: 70-80% of rooftop PV installed with storage
- Understand impact of PV & Storage on network design
- Absorb excess generation & supply peak load





# Evolution from our battery storage project

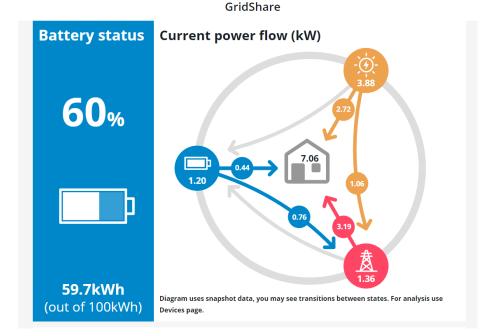


- 2015/6: 32 PVs (2.7kW 3.68kW)
  - Connected 27
- 2017: 40 Batteries (2-3 kWh)
  - 31 paired with PVs
  - 9 on their own
- Can the rejected homes become connected/can P2P prevent green envy
- Provide customers with cheaper electricity through time shifting
- Granular analysis of generation, demand, export and energy patterns now important



## **Changing dynamics**

- Increase capacity
- Avoid reinforcement
- · Behind the meter Vs network owned batteries
- Design Policies
- Cost of PV installation fallen & improvements in metering & 3rd party platforms & prediction analysis
- Post subsidy FiT world is driving our P2P trading model





#### Springvale School – 22kWp







Local Substation



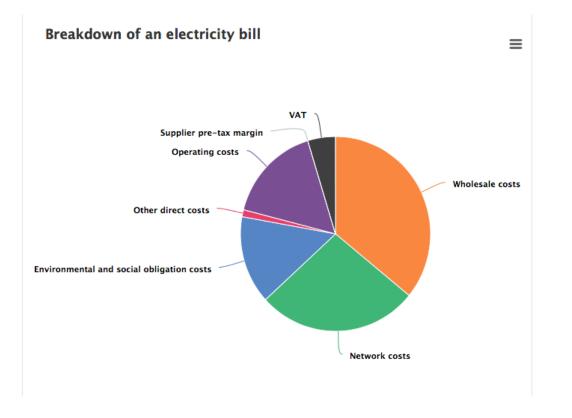


## Local Substation









#### Breakdown of an electricity bill

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Annual cost	Percentage
Wholesale costs	36.30%
Network costs	27.59%
Environmental and social obligation costs	14.79%
Other direct costs	1.19%
Operating costs	16.46%
Supplier pre-tax margin	-1.09%
VAT	4.76%

Date correct

August 2017







#### Sandbox so far...

Energise **Barnsley** 

- Ofgem have on-going P2P trials in sandbox
- Derogation but not de-regulation have to partner with a licensed supplier
- License supply dog eat dog world 61 suppliers
- Sandbox team supportive
- Hustle
- Working group stakeholders Barnsley Council, Northern Powergrid, Elexon & Energise Barnsley
- Barnsley Council white label energy supplier, large consumer & off taker
- Northern Powergrid ease burden on higher voltage networks as balance on local networks & consequential technical benefits
- Elexon billing & settlement is key to unlocking local network trading not blockchain (yet)
- 06/2018 06/2020 to trial the service or model which does not fit with current regulatory arrangements







- **Objective** EB to facilitate a trading platform for the exported solar generation from community owned solar installations to be purchased locally
- **Measure** demand and supply through the local trading network
- **Data** house generation, demand, export and daily profile & substation checking
- 100 households with PV & batteries in clumps to substations
- **Impact** can we replace FiTs by monetizing local solar generation & export
- Impact replace green envy & provide energy independence & hedge
- Council supplier to demonstrate the model before scaling when legislation changes
- Collaboration agreement always open to smart ideas!

