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POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Broomgrove Power Station Site Open For Community Planning

The derelict site of the old Broomgrove Power Station has now been transferred over to the Heart of Hastings Community Land Trust for a period of 18 months. This means that the people of Ore Valley have a unique opportunity to decide what happens to the site and to take action to develop it for the benefit of the community.

In order to secure funds needed to forge ahead with any plans the community supports we need your views on what it should be used for (current ideas are for co-ownership housing, small scale business units and a greenway for access from Broomgrove to Ore Station) whatever happens local people can get together and make the decision a real difference to previous plans for the site.

On Sunday 4th September the process of opening the site up for community use and decision making began. The Ore Valley BUD team asked residents to help open up the blocked gate at the Broomgrove end of the site and clear the walkway.



By the people for the people – local residents open up the site

Many residents came along to join in and some even brought some gardening tools to help clear the pathway linking the Fir Tree Rd entrance to Broomgrove entrance. The gateway and path have been cleared now and we are currently engaging with the council to have the site opened on a dawn to dusk daily basis for the community to access the site. It is easier to develop a community vision for the site if you can walk through it and it really will be your ideas that drive this project forward.

So if there is a knock at your door over the next few weeks it might be one of your neighbours in the BUD team asking for your views, opinions and input. Please take a few minutes just to fill out the questionnaire as the information you share will be central to what comes next. This is truly a 'bottom up' development which means it needs as many people in the community to be involved as possible – real community ownership at last.