

The Golden Lion – Aiming to be England’s first carbon neutral pub!



Barry Cooney, the landlord of our local pub, The Golden Lion, has decided that he will try to make his pub **the first in England to go Carbon Neutral**. The owners, Punch Taverns, have just agreed to support Barry’s ambitions.

The first things we’ll be doing is to take a close look at the pub’s energy use – in lighting, heating, kitchens and bar – to see where we can make low cost energy savings. We’ll also be attempting to convert the pub over to a ‘green energy’ supply – where electricity is generated from renewable resources.



“Energy costs are one of the biggest overheads facing today’s publicans and if going carbon neutral will help me cut my energy bills, that’s fine by me” says Barry Cooney.

We’ll also be looking to see if we can install solar thermal panels on the pub roof to help with water heating and to examine waste recycling to make sure we minimise the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

Barry is also interested in seeing if he can source ingredients for his restaurant meals from local suppliers.

The pub is a popular meeting place for local people and Barry also feels he can play a key role in keeping people informed of the progress of the Ashton Hayes Going Carbon Neutral project (www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk).

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