



Hydrocarbon and Minerals Group

The Group held a very successful ***Information Event on Fracking and Health*** in the Manor Room, Teversal on Saturday 7th April. The objectives of the event were:

- To build a network to unite Ashfield and around, on the issue of fracking
- To provide reliable information
- To increase social contacts and cooperation

Forty-eight people attended, Dr. Tim Thornton from North Yorkshire shared his detailed knowledge of fracking and its health implications. A 20 minute video showing the health experiences and concerns of communities experiencing fracking in North America and Australia was shown, and links were developed between concerned people throughout Nottinghamshire and parts of Derbyshire. The Ashfield edition of the Chad and Radio Nottingham interviewed members of the Group and covered the event.

The Group will now extend its work by developing a grant application to Ashfield Council for funds, under a new scheme for community grants. This will be submitted by 31st May and the project is entitled: *Provision of reliable information to Ashfield residents on the environmental, leisure, health and well-being impacts of planned fracking activities.*