

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **World's biggest coal company closes 37 mines as solar power's influence grows:** Plummeting price of renewable energy puts pressure on fossil fuel firms. (independent.co.uk 21/06/2017)
- **Report: Community energy projects powering 130,000 UK homes:** More than 200 community organisations are now operating solar, hydro or wind power schemes across UK with collective capacity of 121MW, new report finds. (businessgreen.com 20/06/2017)
- **Michael Gove as environment secretary is 'fox in charge of hen house':** Appointment greeted with anger by environmental campaigners who lament his record on green issues. (theguardian.com 12/06/2017)
- **Solar paint offers endless energy from water vapor:** Researchers have developed a compound that draws moisture from the air and splits it into oxygen and hydrogen. The hydrogen can be captured as a clean fuel source. (sciencedaily.com 14/06/2017)
- **Queen's Speech introduces Electric Vehicles Bill:** Mandatory charging points at motorway services and fuel stations will aim to encourage the use of electric vehicles. (news.sky.com 21/06/2017)
- **Large Canadian Arctic climate change study cancelled due to climate change:** The Science Team of the Canadian Research Icebreaker CCGS Amundsen has cancelled the first leg of the 2017 Expedition due to complications associated with the southward motion of hazardous Arctic sea ice, caused by climate change. (sciencedaily.com 13/06/2017)
- **Domestic appliances guzzle far more energy than advertised – EU survey:** In echo of 'defeat device' scandals, one TV increased energy consumption by 47% when tested in real-world viewing. (theguardian.com 21/06/2017)

And finally...

- **Urine Power Project Secures Prime Glastonbury Slot:** Technology developed at the University of the West of England (UWE) that uses urine to power fuel cells is set to be showcased at Glastonbury Festival. (insidermedia.com 19/06/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark EM's sister company, Aardvark Certification have been formally appointed as a Certification Body to the Compost Certification Scheme and Biofertiliser Certification Scheme by Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL). Click here to view the whole story www.aardvarkcertification.com. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

