

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Dams can lead the way to a better relationship with nature:** Evidence of the Anthropocene is all around us. Even if humans were wiped out tomorrow, future scientists couldn't fail to notice planet-wide changes: a surge of greenhouse gases, a mass extinction event, a layer of plastic in ocean sediments, and more. (newscientist.com 28/06/2017)
- **6 million people in China went a week without fossil fuels:** A vast Chinese province of nearly 6 million people has generated all the power it needed for an entire week without using any fossil fuels, according to state-run Chinese media. (grist.org 27/06/2017)
- **The evidence is clear: insecticides kill bees. The industry denials look absurd:** The extermination of 15,000 honey bees in Anglesey by council pest control officers who mistook the rare black bees for wasps is an unhappy accident. (theguardian.com 03/07/2017)
- **SSE lobbies for onshore wind:** SSE has called on the UK and Scottish governments to provide support for continued onshore wind development and repowerings. (renews.biz 06/07/2017)
- **Report: Green gas could now power one million homes:** Anaerobic digestion capacity has grown 18 per cent over the last year, but with more support from government it could get bigger, industry claims. (businessgreen.com 05/07/2017)
- **Germany's power sector making serious strides in renewable energy:** The German Renewable Energy Federation has good news and bad news. The good news? From January to June, the country produced a record 35 percent of its electricity from renewable energy. (arstechnica.com 05/07/2017)
- **Shell Pushes Further Into Power, Renewables With Bid to Acquire MP2 Energy:** The deal will give MP2 additional resources to further develop and enhance its portfolio of products and services, including distributed solar and demand response. (greentechmedia.com 04/07/2017)

**And finally...**

- **Beekeepers Sweeten Solar Sites With the 'Tesla of Honey':** By pairing pollinators with solar farms, Travis and Chiara Bolton are reimagining commercial beekeeping. (news.nationalgeographic.com 24/06/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark had a busy day at the annual ADBA UK AD & Biogas and World Biogas Expo 2017 this week, leading discussions on the renewables obligation and sustainability criteria, the launch of the new best practice scheme for AD, and digestion at micro and small scales. For advice at any stage of your anaerobic digestion project, give us a call on 01984 624989. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

