

# ÖKOLOGISCH WIRTSCHAFTEN RELOADED

## 33-YEARS OF „ÖKOLOGISCH WIRTSCHAFTEN“ SEEMED TO BE COMING TO AN END....

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### BACK WITH NEW MOMENTUM...

I would like to get involved in the association, he said when he came. By the end of the evening, he was its first chairman.

*Picture: Levin Petersen (chairman), Katrin Knudsen (recording secretary)*

### ... TO MEET UPCOMING CHALLENGES

33-Years of „Ökologisch Wirtschaften“ seemed to be coming to an end. The association Ökologisch Wirtschaften e.V. from the German island of Pellworm had been struggling to find young members wanting to take over. The chairman and the recording secretary had announced that they were going to step back. Which with no successors in sight was going to

lead to the dissolution of the association. But elections at this year's annual general meeting surprisingly let the tide turn. Two new faces are taking on the positions, paving the way for a new generation to take over the non-profit organisation which has played a considerable part in bringing the Island to where it is now. Today Pellworm is producing 100% of its energy from renewables and one third of farms are working organically.

Still there are big challenges ahead. Farmers struggling with prices and the impact of environmental changes. And young people

having a difficult perspective when planning to settle down on the island while housing market is in a tense situation and job opportunities are limited.

Now Ökologisch Wirtschaften is back with new momentum to meet these challenges. Voted in as chairman is Levin Petersen 20 years old. He grew up on the island. Announcing that it is his goal to motivate more Islanders of his



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... on Pellworm and the association “Ökologisch Wirtschaften”:

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age to become active in island politics. Katrin Knudsen takes on the position of recording secretary, which is necessary to enable the association to continue to exist. *„If Levin is willing to take that step then I am ready to support him“* she said, as she accepted her election. With that a new chapter has began.

The diary entry from the future in our book “Rural Europe takes Action”: [”Man as a Fisch - North Friesland”](#), p.66

Chapter 7 in our book “Rural Europe on the Move”: [Surviving below the sea-level”](#)