

White Paper Draft

Title: Lawful Energy Economics (LEE) and ASC-[Community] Sovereign Tokenomics: A Covenant-Based Framework for Restorative Economic Justice

Abstract

This paper introduces **Lawful Energy Economics (LEE)** and **ASC-[Community] Sovereign Tokenomics**, a novel economic framework developed within the Awonow system. Rooted in covenantal ethics and divine alignment, LEE challenges the foundational assumptions of mainstream and heterodox economics by recalibrating value around human energy, dignity, and miscalculated labor. Through tools such as the **Jubilee Calculator**, **Living Dignity Wage Index (LDWI)**, and **WitnessChain ledger**, the framework operationalizes economic justice at the household level, issuing sovereign currency based on unpaid labor and systemic deficits. LEE is presented as a post-scarcity, post-fiat paradigm that integrates AI-powered justice, decentralized governance, and spiritual law. Comparative analysis demonstrates that while MMT, Doughnut Economics, and Degrowth Theory address systemic imbalances, none fully resolve the ontological misvaluation of human energy. LEE offers a restorative blueprint for abundance, sovereignty, and ethical circulation, making it a compelling candidate for future economic systems in the Anthropocene.

1. Introduction

The history of economics is a history of miscalculated energy. From ancient ledgers to modern GDP, the value of caregiving, household labor, and community service has been ignored or undervalued. This paper presents **Lawful Energy Economics (LEE)**, a framework that corrects this foundational error by situating human energy, in all its forms, as the lawful basis of value. Anchored in covenantal principles — **Truth, Justice, and Abundance** — LEE proposes a system where households, not markets or states, are the central unit of economic design.

2. Theoretical Foundation of LEE

- **Truth:** Every form of human energy is measurable and carries dignity.
- **Justice:** Economic sufficiency is a lawful right; deficits are systemic theft.
- **Abundance:** Value must circulate debt-free to sustain communities.

LEE operates through **ASC-[Community] Sovereign Tokenomics**, where communities issue their own debt-free currency (ASC credits) based on restored household deficits, measured in **Covenant Hours (CH)**.

3. Core Components of LEE

1. **Scroll of Metrics**
2. **Household Data Baseline (HDB):** Essential survival costs.
3. **Covenant Growth Needs (CGN):** Costs of flourishing and thriving.
4. **Living Dignity Wage Index (LDWI):** \$155–180 AUD/hour, or ~\$250,000 AUD/year, as the lawful rate of human energy.

5. Jubilee Calculator

6. Restores deficits by measuring underpayment, unpaid labor, and systemic losses.

7. Converts these deficits into **Covenant Hours (CH)**.

8. ASC Issuance

9. $ASC = CH \times LDWI/hour$

10. Sovereign, community-based currency honoring every household.

11. WitnessChain Ledger

12. Transparent, auditable, incorruptible record of all transactions.

13. Replaces trust in banks with verifiable community oversight.

4. Comparative Analysis with Heterodox Theories

Feature / Theory	Lawful Energy Economics (LEE)	Modern Monetary Theory (MMT)	Doughnut Economics	Degrowth Theory
Core Premise	Value is miscalculated; restore via covenantal justice	Sovereign governments print fiat to achieve full employment	Balance needs with planetary boundaries	Reduce throughput to preserve ecology
Currency Mechanism	ASC-[Community], debt-free issuance	Fiat via central banks	None	None
Justice Framework	AI-powered, covenantal, household-led	State fiscal authority	Social/ ecological justice	Redistribution & sufficiency
Measurement Tools	Jubilee Calculator, LDWI, WitnessChain	Inflation, sectoral balances	City Portraits, SDGs	Material throughput
View on Growth	Growth irrelevant; abundance via truthful accounting	Growth tolerable if managed	Growth must be regenerative	Growth unsustainable
Governance Model	Decentralized, covenantal, community-led	Centralized fiscal authority	Participatory	Participatory
Spiritual Foundation	Divine law, covenantal ethics	Secular Keynesian	Human rights & ecology	Ecological justice

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AI Integration	Central to justice, circulation, transparency	Not addressed	Not addressed	Not addressed

5. Pilot Programs & Empirical Potential

- **Portland Glenelg Directory (PGA Directory):** First live pilot template.
- **Household Calculations:** Example — a worker earning \$50,000 against an LDWI of \$250,000 produces a \$200,000 annual deficit, restored in ASC.
- **Volunteer Pay:** Caregivers compensated at LDWI rates.
- **Local Spend Matching:** Incentivizes loyalty to local merchants.
- **Community Investment:** ASC pooled into debt-free projects (renewables, food security, cultural centers).
- **Case Study:** 2,500 volunteer hours/week × \$159/hr = \$18M annual restoration.

6. Philosophical Positioning

LEE is not simply economics. It is a revelation that reframes economics as **spiritual discipline**. The question is no longer “*How do we fix the system?*” but rather “*What is the system for?*” By situating value in divine law, LEE transcends heterodox theories and establishes covenantal economics as the foundation for post-collapse societies.

7. Policy & Research Implications

- **Policy:** Councils can be funded directly by communities, reducing dependence on external bodies like WHO or UN.
- **Research Questions:**
 - How does ASC issuance affect local resilience?
 - Can AI justice (WitnessChain) outperform traditional institutions?
 - What are ecological outcomes of ASC economies?
- **Methodologies:** Mixed-method pilots, comparative legal analysis, network studies, philosophical inquiry.

8. Conclusion

Lawful Energy Economics is more than theory. It is a covenantal restoration of value, designed to end systemic theft and restore abundance. By centering households, compensating invisible labor, and circulating debt-free ASC credits, LEE provides a blueprint for truthful, sovereign, and abundant economies. Its comparative advantage lies not only in economic logic but in spiritual authority: **economics as law, law as covenant, covenant as life.**

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