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“Wrong people talking about the right problem” – Stigson

Björn Stigson, President of the WBCSD, says in his monthly report based mainly on his recent visit to Japan, “Climate change is still basically treated as an environmental problem under the responsibility of Environmental Ministers. As someone said, this is like “The wrong people talking about the right issues”.” BCSD-UK members can see the full report in the Members Area of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.



BCSD-UK Explores Best Practice In GÜSSING

The visit, organised jointly by the BCSD-UK and Heinz Felsner of BCSD Austria, involved 14 delegates from 12 organisations taking part in this opportunity to learn how the town of Güssing in Austria has tackled the challenge of obtain energy from local sustainable resources.

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This has created 50 new companies, more than 1,000 new jobs, with 45% self sufficient use of renewable energies. An "eco tourist" business has been developed which now sees 1,600 visitors per week eager to learn and this contributes directly to the local economy.

Markus Koch, Operations Manager, Biomass Gasification Plant ("probably the only biomass gasification plant in the world which actually works") gave a technical presentation of the working of the plant before the site visit.

Right - Peter Vadasz, Mayor of Güssing, introduced the visitors to his town's eco-programme. Full report via www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

"Great event. Good programme. Interesting and informative speakers. Excellent networking."

- Roger Wall, Technology Innovation Centre

"I found the visit most worthwhile, educational – and enjoyable."

- Mike Woollacott, Greenwatt Ltd



Build & Construction Project Ideas Gain Approval at March General Meeting



Members and guests at the March BCSD-UK General Meeting hosted by BPE Solicitors in Birmingham endorsed two BCSD-UK ideas for new projects being developed by members.

Hon. Prof. Peter Braithwaite for ARUP promoted the concept of an Energy Efficiency in Buildings - UK project to work alongside a similar project being run by the World Business Council. Beverley Parrish from WSP presented ideas for a Sustainable Building Design Web Portal. These presentations were part of a consultation process aimed at testing the ideas with industry. Both projects were well debated with productive ideas identified and support given to both schemes.

As is traditional at General Meetings, two new members introduced themselves - George Bowman of Bee Bee Developments (above left) and Jon Close of BPE Solicitors (above right).

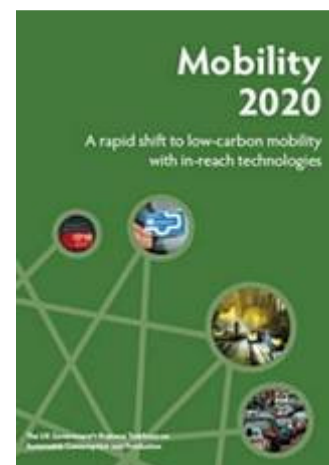
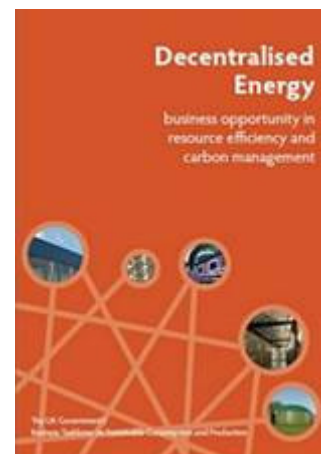
A full report plus PowerPoint slides from the General Meeting can be seen at www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.



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BUSINESS & THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE PROGRAMME FOR INDUSTRY

BCSD-UK To Stage Workshops For Business Taskforce on Sustainable Consumption and Production

BCSD-UK with its partner business networks (shown left) from the Government funded Business Taskforce on Sustainable Consumption and Production will be staging consultative workshops focussed on the two reports shown right.



The two reports were launched at a Taskforce event staged in the Library of the London Science Museum.

PowerPoints from that plus the two reports can be downloaded via:

www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/BusinessTaskforceSCP/tabid/134/Default.aspx

BCSD-UK has been contracted to stage half-day consultative workshops to promote the reports from the Taskforce and to gain a reaction from the business community. The workshops will be staged in:

London, at Lloyds TSB on Wednesday 7th May
Birmingham, at the Council House on Thursday 22nd May
Leeds, at the Queens Hotel on Thursday 12th June or Wednesday 18th June

Water Competition In Scotland Is Topical Theme for BCSD-UK General Meeting on May 15th

Scotland opens its water market to competition on 1st April 2008 – a world first. This competition will drive Sustainable Development benefits for industry. BCSD-UK member Laurence Bower, Managing Director of Ondeo Industrial Solutions leads the discussion.



Ondeo has its UK headquarters in Scotland. Laurence will outline how industry could benefit from this new competition and present Sustainable Development case studies that have delivered over £25m savings to industrial customers.

Keynote Speaker will be Alan Sutherland, Chief Executive, Water Industry Commission for Scotland. He will outline how the competition will work and the potential benefits to non domestic customers.

The General Meeting will be hosted by Scottish Enterprise at their Glasgow headquarters and is open to BCSD-UK members and invited guests. For more information contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk.

As is tradition at General Meetings, two BCSD-UK members will introduce themselves and their organisations.



BCSD-UK To Stage Hothouse For CABE In Nottingham

BCSD-UK is working with CABE – the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, and Nottingham City Council to stage a “Hothouse” event as part of CABE’s Climate Change Festival in the first week of June.

The half day event will be based on the highly successful Hothouse staged by CABE in Bristol in early December 2007 and will bring together Nottingham business leaders, Nottingham City officers, and members of the architectural, build and construction sectors to work in a dynamic and interactive environment to explore how to achieve low carbon cities. For more information contact davidm@ebc-info.co.uk.

Discount Deals For BCSD-UK Members

Corporate Climate Response – London, May 20th - 21st 2008

Discount for BCSD-UK members at Corporate Climate Response being held at the CBI Conference Centre.

The first day of this event is dedicated to the most important development in climate response affecting companies operating in the UK: the Carbon Reduction Commitment.

This is the UK’s new mandatory carbon trading scheme affecting thousands of companies across industry sectors. This event will bring together companies, Government experts and carbon experts to discuss how the new trading scheme will impact companies.

Speakers include representatives from B&Q, Barclays, Trinity Mirror, Land Securities, BSkyB, IBM, Defra, and Cable & Wireless.

The second day of this event focuses on Climate Change and the Food Industry. Top retailers and producers including M&S, Tesco, McCain’s, Nestle, Cadbury Schweppes, The Co-operative Group, Innocent and Scottish & Newcastle will examine climate impact at every stage of the food supply chain.

Members can receive a 15% reduction on delegate fee. To find out how, visit the new Special Offers page on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

Asian International New Energy Technology & Equipment Expo 2008 – Beijing, China, April 27th - 29th 2008

BCSD-UK is an official supporter of the Asian International New Energy Technology & Equipment Expo 2008. The widening gap between energy need and supply is fast growing in China’s dynamic expansion.

It is anticipated that by 2010 the gap between oil supply and demand will be 100 million tonnes and there will be a 40 billion cubic meters shortfall on natural gas. The development of new energy sources is a major issue.

For more information visit www.ccefexpo.org.

Carbon Footprint Sustainable Supply Chain 2008 – London, 29th - 30th May 2008

The 2nd Annual Carbon Footprint Summit - Aligning carbon footprint measurement and reduction with sustainability and energy efficiency. This event will bring together key representatives of UK & European retailers such as Carrefour, Waitrose and Marks & Spencer, who will be joining major food & drink brands and key members of the supply chain across Europe to collaborate on environmental performance.

Members are eligible for a 15% discount on the delegate fee when registering for this event. To find out more, visit the new Special Offers page on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

5th Green Chemistry and the Consumer Symposium – York, 2nd July 2008

The fifth symposium, 'Greener Products', will explore recent advances in the field including case studies on successful methods developed by industry and challenges in practice. The programme for the day will consist of a blend of both presentations and breakout sessions. The event will be preceded by a one-day Masterclass and evening event on the 1st July, which will feature a plenary lecture from Steve Johnson, Sustainable Development Manager, Boots UK Ltd.

Members are eligible for a 10% discount on the delegate fee for this event. To find out more, visit the new Special Offers page on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

BCSD-UK DIARY DATES

7 th May	Taskforce Workshops	Lloyds TSB	London
15 th May	General Meeting	Scottish Enterprise	Glasgow
22 nd May	Taskforce Workshops	Council House	Birmingham
12 th or 18 th June	Taskforce Workshops	Queens Hotel	Leeds
10 th July	General Meeting	Lloyds TSB	London
19 th November	House of Commons Dinner	House of Commons	London
20 th November	General Meeting	Lloyds TSB	London



Mitsubishi's Award Winning Low Carbon Solutions Seminars

Mitsubishi's Award Winning Low Carbon Solutions Seminars will be taking place in their Training Suite in Hatfield on Thursday 22nd May and Tuesday 24th June 2008. These seminars bring together independent experts to host a series of free one-day seminars. Topics for discussion will include CO2 emissions, renewable technology, life cycle costs, control systems, running costs, the Code for Sustainable Homes, zero carbon solutions and the London Plan.

To reserve your place call 01707 282880 or e-mail air.conditioning@meuk.mee.com.

European Commission's public consultation on the proposed Environmental Technologies Verification scheme

Thank you to longstanding contact, Dr George Howarth for information on the European Commission's public consultation on the proposed Environmental Technologies Verification scheme. The Commission put forward an ambitious timescale for the development of this proposal, part of which was a public consultation that ran from late November 2007 to 3rd February 2008.

The Commission have now circulated the preliminary results from the consultation, which is attached, and are preparing the full report. Thanks are extended from DEFRA to everyone who took the time to fill in the online questionnaire - there were more responses from the UK than any other country.

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