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British Waterways and Rolls-Royce join BCSD-UK

We are delighted to welcome British Waterways and Rolls-Royce into membership. More about them in future editions. In recent weeks Ecotec/Ecorys, E.ON, The Black Country and Whizzgo have all joined. We must be doing something right!

WBCSD President Looks To Game Start Not Game End At COP15

World Business Council President Björn Stigson in his monthly Update reflects on the lack of rational, well functioning global governance via existing intergovernmental institutions and processes. And he looks towards the key milestone on the road to COP15 in Copenhagen in December 2009 being the US election in November. He says: “There is a question mark if the new US Administration will have sufficient time to be able to make a substantial contribution to a new climate agreement in Copenhagen. Right now my bet would be that COP15 might be more a starting point for serious negotiations rather than the end point”.

Later in his report he considers the new “industrial revolution that will be “Green, Lean and Mean”” and in talking about climate change says: “The stakes are high for “getting it right” in particular for a new global climate agreement. Even if progress is slow, we cannot sit back and wait. The governmental mindsets and models for solutions are gradually being formed and we need to stay close to the intergovernmental processes”.

The full text can be seen in the Members’ Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

BCSD-UK contracted to work with key businesses in Yorkshire and Humberside

BCSD-UK and The Yorkshire and Humber Sustainable Futures Company, a subsidiary of Yorkshire Forward and as part of its Carbon Action Yorkshire programme, has signed a contract in which the BCSD-UK will deliver a programme under the banner of the Yorkshire & Humberside Business Leaders Group on

Sustainable Development - a branch of the BCSD-UK.

BCSD-UK will deliver a programme of awareness raising to senior management from Yorkshire and Humberside top companies which will be expected to cover:

The Carbon Economy/Vision 2050
Market and supply chain changes
Decentralised Energy
Resource respect
Procurement
Climate Change risk management
Finance and investment – the City's view
Horizon scanning for new legislation (Trinity International)

BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton said of the contract “this results from months of discussion in which the basic idea was always agreed but the detail took some time to sort out. We are delighted that Yorkshire Forward through its subsidiary has turned to us to inform regional businesses about the practicalities of applied and delivered sustainable development values. This is now a model we hope to deliver elsewhere and we are in discussions in a number of different parts of the UK”.

MEBC – now BCSD-UK's “Midlands Branch”

The not-for-profit Midlands Environmental Business Company is now designated the Midlands “branch” of the BCSD-UK. Terms of Reference have been agreed by the Boards of both organisations, both not-for-profit limited liability companies.

MEBC was first established in 1996 as an informal group and became a registered company in 2002. It's Chairman is Ian Aspley of Marley Eternit.

MEBC has been the strategic partner of Advantage West Midlands in the development of the environmental technology sector within the regional economic strategy and has worked with AWM on major regional flagship projects.

BCSD-UK – Next Events & Events in Planning

August 28th – the carbon economy investigation moves to Scotland. Hosted by Scottish Enterprise at their Glasgow HQ, this follows on from the London workshop and will include Richard John (Faber Maunsell / AECOM), Michael Smith (Yorkshire Forward) and Peter Jones (formerly director of Biffa Waste Services).

A new addition to the programme is Charles Henderson of Climate Futures reporting on his work for The Scotsman on how Scottish businesses are responding to today's challenges.

August 28th – Scottish Steering Group meeting.

October 16th – BCSD-UK “Outreach” event for the South West with BPE Solicitors in Cheltenham.

October tbc – carbon economy in Leeds as part of the BCSD-UK's new programme for Yorkshire and Humberside.

October / November tbc – the carbon economy investigation moves on to the Black Country.

11th November tbc - Wolseley Sustainability Center, Royal Leamington Spa Location Visit.

November 19th – Our annual House of Commons Dinner. Can the 2008 event live up to the energy of last year's non-stop event? Members and their guests only. Host and guest speaker Dr Alan Whitehead,

MP who heads parliamentary groups on both energy and waste.

November 20th – General Meeting hosted by Lloyds TSB in London. Subject – behavioural safety tbc.

November 20th – BCSD-UK Management Committee meeting.

November 26th tbc – final event of the year in Scotland. Subject not yet identified.

November 26th – Scottish Steering Group meeting.

December 3rd – BCSD-UK Midlands branch organisation, the MEBC stages its highly successful “Business Success Dinner” in the splendid Banqueting Suite of Birmingham Council House. Sponsorship comes from The Black Country.

In Planning:

Energy Group meeting pre December
Malmo, Sweden Location Visit
Food security investigation
Business and ethics investigation
Major Spring 09 event with World Business Council
Renewables Technology Audit 09 (investigative conference)

BCSD-UK - a Young Leaders Programme for the UK. Call for EoI in Steering Group

Background

BCSD-UK is the only affiliated branch in the UK of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). WBCSD has a very successful “Future Leaders Team” programme. It is focussed on young business leaders and has been in operation since 2002. Each year it provides a networking programme for professional development that brings together a new group of potential future business leaders. These young managers are nominated by their companies and come from a range of sectors and professional streams. The nominees and their companies put aside time for training/professional development by working together (face to face and through virtual meetings) on a theme based around one or more aspects of the practical business response to the opportunities and challenges of sustainable development.

Aim

The proposed project responds to a suggestion made at a meeting of the BCSD-UK Management Committee at which it was suggested that there might be wide support for a UK version of the WBCSD Future Leaders Team which could in its own right provide value but could also act as a stepping stone for those who, having engaged with the UK programme, might wish to progress to the WBCSD programme. The aim of this project is to identify the demand for, develop and implement a “Young Leaders Team” programme for the UK. It will be based upon the ideas of the WBCSD’s programme. However, it will be more limited in scale and tailored to the needs and interests of UK companies in the BCSD-UK.

Objectives of the project

1. To determine the interest of member companies of BCSD-UK in the “Young Leaders Programme”
2. To develop such a programme, appropriate to the needs and interests of BCSD-UK members
3. To cost such a programme so that it at least self-liquidates costs via fees paid by delegates and/or sponsorship
4. To recruit companies to nominate trainees to the programme
5. To identify means of resourcing the programme.
6. If appropriate to launch the first programme in March 2009, at the proposed London meeting of the WBCSD.

Process/project programme

The project will be lead by Hugh Williams of ECOTEC (Ecorys in the UK) in association with other firms who might like to join the Steering Group. It will be resourced by ECOTEC through the in-kind contribution of time from Hugh Williams (and similar contributions from other firms that wish to be involved) and supported by the secretariat of BCSD-UK.

An initial suggestion of the steps and time inputs required are shown below. The timetable is chosen to allow the possibility of launching the first programme in March 2009 in London when there will be a wider WBCSD meeting. This would therefore give the opportunity for some linkage between the UK programme and the wider WBCSD's Future Leaders Team programme.

1	Sketch out some initial ideas and proposals, meet with other firms who might like to be on the steering committee, revise the initial proposals in the light of their views.
2	Identify Companies with an interest in participating.
3	Discuss initial ideas with these potential participants and develop and revise the programme in the light of their needs and comments.
4	Set out a proposed programme and approach for 2009/2010.
5	Identify and contact links to other interested parties (business schools, business organisations (e.g. CBI, RDAs)).
6	Gather support and commitment from companies to nominate trainees.
7	Identify other sources of support (in kind and financial) – also consider opening the scheme to non BCSD-UK members.
8	Get nominations and programme finalised.
9	First meeting of “Young Leader’s Programme” in parallel with WBCSD meeting in London March 2009.

Interested? Please e-mail davidm@ebc-info.co.uk

Launch of Taskforce Report

Following six BCSD-UK organised consultation workshops staged in Birmingham, Leeds and London, the BCSD-UK has published a report of the findings which responded to two reports from the Business Taskforce On Sustainable Consumption and Production – one on Decentralised Energy and the other on Mobility 2020.

The Sustainable Development Commission is taking forward actions from the Mobility 2020 report. We can link anyone interested to the ongoing activity. The BCSD-UK's Energy Group is taking forward issues arising from the Decentralised Energy report – see below.

The full BCSD-UK report from the Taskforce workshops can be seen and downloaded from the Document Library of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

BCSD-UK Energy Group identifies target issues from Taskforce report

BCSD-UK's newly reformed Energy Group is seeking to explore further findings from the Decentralised Energy Report. The Steering Group consists of:

Mark Saunders (Sustainable Energy Solutions, E.ON UK); Jim Rushworth (Lafarge Cement UK); Said Bijary (WSP); John Hill (Converteam); Don Lack (Faber Maunsell); Rory Tait (Trinity International LLP); David Middleton (BCSD-UK); Debbie Dorman (BCSD-UK).

Membership of the Energy Group currently consists of the Steering Group plus:

Richard Heathcote	Scottish & Newcastle UK Ltd
Peter Jones	Consultant (formerly of Biffa Waste Services)
Laurence Bower	Ondeo Industrial Solutions
Dr Paul Brooks	Corus
Mike Ferrow	ConocoPhillips
Gerry McLaughlan	United Utilities
Scott Ghagan	DEFRA
Pat Laughlin	EBC/PLA
Peter Sharratt	WSP
Mike Jordon	Ondeo Industrial Solutions

The Steering Group met recently, hosted by Lloyds TSB in London. Minutes from that meeting have been distributed to interested parties and can be seen on the Energy Group page of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

Areas of interest highlighted from the DE report as potential issues for the Group to explore further are:

- Clear definition of what DE is.
- There is major confusion and concerns about who is – and who should be – leading and taking responsibility for delivery. This was levelled at national Government (especially inter-departmental co-ordination and communication), the regions, local authority – and business. It links to the identified need for a mechanism to be established which encourages and enables business and the public sector to join to respond to local, common objectives (such as carbon reduction and renewable energy provision).
- There is a need for better understanding about the finances of DE – costs/payback analysis; who pays; long term guarantees to stimulate supply-side investment; feedstock contracts; analysis of the tensions between long-term ESCo arrangements and consumer protection/monopoly abuse.
- Consistent and major issue was the need for more awareness raising/attitude shift – education, PR – across the whole of society. It was strongly recommended that such a programme be aimed at those involved in the planning process (maybe something like a Guide to DE produced for those in local authorities).
- Stimulate the development of an effective supply chain. There is not enough capacity and capability in the UK to meet demands which are growing.
- Grid integration for new DE assets.
- Investigate potential for retrofit of DE to benefit existing building/process assets rather than focus on new assets only
- Consider the market and mechanisms for heat; following the recent call for evidence (BERR).
- Demand identification for DE – how can groups of consumers e.g. households, business parks, communities get together to justify new assets?
- Develop a DE map for UK (with possible involvement of Ordnance Survey). This would identify hotspots for planning and co-ordinate future activity.
- Distribution Network Operator (e.g. E.ON, Scottish Power) to be able to trial innovative solutions and new technologies to integrate DE more efficiently and effectively.
- Consolidating / simplifying and, in particular, *focussing* funding streams for innovation in DE technologies and integration.

World Business Council GHG Protocol Supply Chain Initiative begins to take shape

The WBCSD's GHG Protocol Supply Chain Initiative is now beginning to take shape. This includes the WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol's Product and Supply Chain Accounting and Reporting Standard development process. Technical Working Groups involved in the project will consist of 5-10 life cycle assessment, supply chain, and GHG accounting experts from across business, academia, government and the NGO community, who will work together to develop the content of the new standards. We hope you will consider this opportunity to join a team of leading experts and contribute to the development of a

new GHG Protocol standard for measuring and reporting product life cycle GHG emissions.

BCSD-UK members can see more information and documentation in the Members' Area of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

Acclimatise represents BCSD-UK in Poland

Fastest to respond to the call for a BCSD-UK member to represent us at the Polish Institute of International Affairs' international conference "Energy Security and Climate Change" to be held in Warsaw on 11-12 September, 2008 was John Firth from climate risk management specialists Acclimatise. Conditional on his representative role will be a report to us from John which we will circulate.

Shell Sells Stake in London Array

Mark Saunders, Propositions Senior Manager, Sustainable Energy Solutions, E.ON UK and Chairman of the BCSD-UK Energy Group reports:

THE oil giant Royal Dutch Shell has agreed to sell its stake in the £2.5 billion London Array, the world's largest offshore wind farm, to E.ON and Dong Energy, its former partners.

Under a settlement reached last week, the utilities agreed to divide Shell's one-third stake evenly between them. E.ON and Dong will now own 50% each.

The accord was struck after some leading utilities - Centrica, Scottish Power, EDF, RWE Npower and Scottish & Southern - made first-round bids in an auction run by Dresdner Kleinwort.

The sale process provided reference points on price, but E.ON and Dong's familiarity with the project gave a critical advantage. They are expected to announce the deal this week.

The resolution of ownership will be a relief to the government, which has put wind at the heart of its renewable-energy agenda. When Shell announced its intention to quit the project in May, there were fears that E.ON and Dong, a Nordic group, could scrap it altogether because of the soaring cost of building wind farms.

Paul Golby, chief executive of E.ON UK, called the project's economics "marginal at best" as prices for turbines, ships to install them and personnel have soared to record levels.

The decision by E.ON and Dong to buy out Shell means the scheme, already seven years in development, will almost certainly go ahead.

E.ON and Dong will now have to shoulder all the £2.5 billion development costs but some element of deferred compensation for Shell is thought to be included in the deal.

CIWM Awards for Environmental Excellence – call for entries

The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) would like to hear from companies and individuals who have achieved excellence in the field of sustainable waste and resource management across a range of categories and criteria for the CIWM Awards for Environmental Excellence.

Now in their second year, these awards recognise excellence within the resources and wastes management industry, through product design and innovation and in a range of other commercial sectors

including retail, construction and facilities management.

The CIWM is now inviting entries across eleven categories covering a range of industries and sectors

The Deadline for applications is 29th August 2008

The finalists will all be invited to attend the awards ceremony on Wednesday 5th November at the Dorchester Hotel, London, this year hosted by television presenter and conservationist Philippa Forrester.

For further information please visit www.ciwmawards.com or e-mail excellence@ciwm.co.uk

Sustainable Scotland Network looks at “Accounting for Sustainable Development” at its Annual Conference

Speakers at the SSN’s annual conference to be staged from 13th - 14th November at Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh, include John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Sustainable Growth; Professor Paul Ekins, King’s College London / UK Green Fiscal Commission; Simeon Thornton, Head of Climate Change Economics, Defra; Professor Tim Jackson, Surrey University / Sustainable Development Commission; Martijn Quinn, Commissioner Dimas’ Cabinet European Commission.

The headline to the event reads: “Creating a financial environment in which your Council can respond to the challenges of sustainable development and climate change is becoming increasingly urgent”.

Full details and booking via www.blueprintconference.com/ssn/AniteXmlGateway.aspx

Climate Change Bill - Update following House of Commons Committee Stage

The Climate Change Bill completed its consideration at Committee stage in the House of Commons on 8th July 2008.

Amendments at Committee Stage

The only changes made to the Bill in Committee were the 54 amendments proposed by the Government. A number of these are minor technical improvements. The remainder make the changes previously outlined by the Minister for the Environment, Phil Woolas, in the Second Reading debate, responding to amendments made in the House of Lords and adding powers in relation to single-use carrier bags.

Purpose clause

The purpose clause inserted as Clause 1 by the House of Lords has been removed. Members of the committee accepted the Government’s view that this placed unworkable duties on ministers to achieve global, rather than UK, outcomes. The Minister (Phil Woolas) stressed the Government’s continuing commitment to the EU target of limiting climate change to 2°C, and promised to reflect on the suggestion made in debate that it would be helpful to refer directly to that objective somewhere within the Bill.

Responsibilities on the Prime Minister

The Bill was amended to reflect the normal practice of placing all the duties contained in the Bill on ‘the Secretary of State’ (ie on the Government as a whole), reversing an amendment made in the Lords that placed a duty on the Prime Minister to report to Parliament on the Government’s policies and proposals for

meeting carbon budgets.

Emissions reductions in the UK

Amendments were agreed removing the quantified limit on the use of internationally traded credits in meeting the UK's targets and carbon budgets that was inserted by the House of Lords. While re-emphasising the Government's absolute commitment to move rapidly towards a low-carbon economy, Phil Woolas stressed the need to maintain flexibility as to the right balance over time between action at UK, EU and international levels, and to avoid cutting across the ability of UK companies to participate in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. A new duty has been inserted (Clause 14 in the new print of the Bill), to have regard to the need for UK domestic action when considering how to meet the UK's targets and budgets under the Bill.

Single-use carrier bags

New clauses and a new schedule were added to the Bill, without opposition, giving ministers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland powers to require certain retailers to make a minimum charge for single-use carrier bags. The Minister for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Waste, Joan Ruddock, emphasised that the intention is to use these if retailers cannot achieve radical and swift reductions in the number of bags distributed through voluntary means alone.

Corporate disclosure of carbon emissions

The Bill has been amended to remove the provisions inserted in the House of Lords, requiring those companies that are required to produce a business review under the Companies Act to report on their greenhouse gas emissions. Addressing one of the major concerns raised, a new requirement is now placed on ministers to develop and issue guidance on how companies should report their greenhouse gas emissions, to help create a common standard. Phil Woolas also pledged that the Government will consider the issue of emissions reporting in 2010, in parallel with the anticipated review of the narrative reporting requirements of the Companies Act 2006. He made the point that powers already exist under the Companies Act to require such reporting. The Opposition parties continued to call for the introduction of mandatory reporting through this Bill.

International aviation and shipping

The Government largely accepted the changes made in the House of Lords, requiring the inclusion of international aviation and shipping emissions within five years of Royal Assent, or a report to Parliament on why this had not been done. Amendments were made to improve the legal drafting, and to restore the use of internationally-agreed terminology. Phil Woolas stressed that the issue was not about whether or how to control these emissions – the UK continues to press at international level, and agreement on capping aviation emission through the EU emissions trading scheme is in its final stages. However, there is a practical difficulty, in the absence of an internationally agreed methodology, of how to calculate the figures to include in the UK targets and budgets. It is also essential to avoid undermining the real prize of international agreement, and to avoid locking the UK into an approach that is incompatible with any future international agreement. Debate centred on proposals to require inclusion from 2013 without the option to report instead (a position now supported by the Opposition parties). Another issue raised was whether a deadline of 1st January 2013 would be preferable to one of 5 years from Royal Assent.

Adaptation

The House of Lords inserted a requirement for a dedicated adaptation sub-committee of the Committee on Climate Change. The Government accepted the principle of this, and some changes were made in committee to ensure that this body operates effectively, and that its role is consistent with that of the Committee on Climate Change as a whole, providing expert advice to Government on the analysis of the impacts of climate change on the UK.

2050 target

No amendments were made on this, but the level of the 2050 target continued to be the subject of debate.

Most members of the committee supported the Government's approach of awaiting the review of the target by the Committee on Climate Change, which is required by 1st December 2008. This will provide a firm analytical basis for a decision on any higher figure. Some MPs asked that the Committee on Climate Change should be asked for an interim report (before it is formally established), allowing the possibility of amendment of the Bill in its final parliamentary stages. In response, Phil Woolas undertook to write to the chairman of the Committee, Lord Turner, drawing his attention to the parliamentary timetable.

Waste Incentives

No substantive amendments were made to the provisions for waste incentive schemes, which were agreed without opposition.

Next steps

We expect the Bill to complete the remaining stages of its parliamentary passage, and to receive Royal Assent, in the Autumn.

Further information can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/legislation/index.htm

Rushlight Awards - Call for Entries – closing date 31st October 2008



The Rushlight Awards 2008 promote and celebrate the leading environmental technologies and innovations by organisations throughout UK and Ireland. With 27 separate categories covering renewable energy, clean fuels, power generation, water, waste and pollution management, these awards will highlight the technologies and innovations that are shaping the energy, transport, environment and industry sectors in the future. If you have developed a technology or innovation that is pertinent to one of these categories, then do not hesitate to enter as you have so much to gain. With headline partners and sponsors Institute of Physics, Black & Veatch, E-Synergy and Kilburn & Strode, assistance from the Manufacturing, Materials and Environment Unit of BERR, Scottish Enterprise, The Welsh Assembly Govt, Action Renewables of Northern Ireland and over 50 trade associations, institutes and agencies, the Rushlight Awards are the leading awards in the environment, energy and waste field. The awards dinner is on 22nd January 2009 at the New Connaught Rooms in London. To find out more and to enter the awards, go to www.rushlightawards.co.uk or contact Eventure Media on 020 8870 9345.

Sustainable Buildings for Occupiers – discount for BCSD-UK members – London – 24th September 2008

**Sustainable Building
for Occupiers**
24 Sep 2008, London

How do you make the business case for sustainable buildings and what do you need to know to successfully champion sustainability at the highest levels?

Discover the true value of sustainability in the commercial property sector, including office space, retail, leisure and hospitality premises. Examine the elements to consider and explore how those elements impact on profitability and productivity. Get expert advice, inspiration, and practical examples from Boots, The Business Council for Sustainable

Development, IPD, Drivers Jonas, GVA Grimley, hurleypalmerflatt, and many more top speakers.

Discount for BCSD-UK delegates.

For more details and booking information see the Special Offers page of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk or visit www.sustainable-build.com

DEFRA – consulting on draft code of practice for sustainable use of soils on construction sites

I am pleased to announce that Defra has today issued a consultation on a draft Code of Practice for the sustainable use of soils on construction sites.

The purpose of the Code of Practice is to provide a practical guide to assist anyone involved in the construction industry to protect the soil resources with which they work. As well as providing environmental benefits, by following the guidance, firms could also save money.

The draft Code outlines current guidance and legislation concerning the use of soil in construction projects, before offering stage by stage guidance on the use, management and movement of soil on site. Each section explains the need for the advice and makes recommendations for good practice, including method statements, illustrations and a list of Do's and Don'ts.

The Code is complemented by Case Studies to demonstrate both good and poor practice, as well as a range of toolbox talks for use on site.

The consultation closes on 20th October 2008. Full details, including consultation questions, can be found at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/sustainable-soil-construction/index.htm>

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