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Report and forward actions from BCSD-UK Energy Group Workshop

Forward actions have now been identified and agreed from the highly successful BCSD-UK Energy Group meeting in June hosted at the Birmingham HQ of Lafarge Cement UK, part sponsored by Advantage West Midlands, led by Energy Group Chairman Mark Saunders of E.ON with the debate orchestrated by BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton. A report from the event and a note of the forward actions have been circulated to BCSD-UK members and members of the Energy Group and can also be downloaded from the Members' Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

BCSD-UK briefing report to DEFRA, BIS and DECC

In follow up to an establishing meeting held in early June with Lord Hunt, a working session was staged in late July between BCSD-UK members and officers from DEFRA, BIS and DECC. A full report and agreed forward actions have been circulated to BCSD-UK members who can also download it via the Members' Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

BCSD-UK briefing reports to Shadow Energy Minister

In follow up to Shadow Energy Minister, Charles Hendry, speaking at the BCSD-UK 10th Anniversary Summit in March and a follow up meeting in June, in response to his request, BCSD-UK has submitted to him a view of how best UK plc can capitalise on business opportunities

emerging as we move towards a low carbon economy. A second document on ideas related to supply side development in support of the developing wind energy industry was also submitted. These papers have been circulated to BCSD-UK members but can also be seen on the Members' Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

Critical resources – Water. Rigorous debate in Leeds



David Symons explores the UK dimension of water resource issues

Hosted by WSP in Leeds on Thursday August 6th and run as a limited numbers event to encourage a lively and manageable debate, delegates came from AECOM; ARUP; BCSD-UK; British Waterways; Carbon Action Yorkshire; Connaught plc; Corus RD&T; Cranswick Country Foods; EBC Ltd; Grontmij; Halcrow Group Ltd; IGD; Molson Coors Brewing Company UK Ltd; Ondeo Industrial Solutions; Sheffield Hallam University; URS Corporation; Water Industry Forum; WSP Environmental; Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Water.

The event looked at the work of the World Business Council which has produced several reports on the subject and a management tool. BCSD-UK MC member David Symons looked at the issue from a UK perspective.

The debate set out to answer three questions:

1. How big an issue is this in the UK?
2. How big an issue is it to UK businesses?
3. Is there anything BCSD-UK should be doing that isn't already being done?

The answers in headline terms were:

1. this is a growing issue which will become very significant in the near future;
2. increasing numbers of businesses will become involved in water availability issues;
3. yes - and a number of key actions were identified.

A report, notes from the event and an e-mail from Richard Heathcote of Scottish & Newcastle UK have been distributed to those who attended plus BCSD-UK members and can be downloaded from the Members' Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk



Celebrates its 10th anniversary

Good year 2009. First BCSD-UK celebrates its 10th anniversary in March. Now ScotAsh – a joint venture between two BCSD-UK members, ScottishPower and Lafarge Cement UK, also celebrates notching up a decade.

The 10th anniversary special edition of its newsletter can be downloaded via http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/Portals/0/PDF/ScotAsh_News.pdf for more information on this success story.

Apart from becoming almost habitual award winners, ScotAsh over the last 10 years has sold more than six million tonnes of ash-based products. This has saved 6.6 million tonnes of natural aggregates, diverted more than six million tonnes of ash from landfill – and avoided the release of around 400,000 tonnes of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. Each tonne of ash used in cement saves almost a tonne of CO₂.

Congratulations to ScotAsh and its MD Peter Quinn who is also Chairman of the BCSD-UK's Scottish Steering Group.

People – Space – Movement – a new BCSD-UK project



This is a new project for the BCSD-UK that seeks to bring together in a unique form elements that will help achieve low carbon communities including high technology city design; IT that helps people move in a low carbon environment; cars that are pertinent for a low carbon world; and propellants for those cars.

To be staged in the Jaguar Hall of the Ricoh Arena on March 22nd 2010, the plan is to bring together business, academia, and the public. Support for P-S-M is growing with Advantage West Midlands, CENEX, Coventry City Council, the Niche Vehicle Network and the Coventry Telegraph so far involved. Discussions are also developing with numerous other prospects.

For information leaflet:

<http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/Portals/0/Events/Flyers/PSMFlyer.pdf>

The event will be an unusual form of debate and exhibition.

More information via davidm@ebc-info.co.uk



launches major report at FREE Webinar on 20th August

As part of its ongoing Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) with which it is working with IBM, BCSD-UK member Acclimatise is launching 'Global Electric Utilities – Building business resilience to inevitable climate. The adaptation challenge' The official launch will take place via a free webinar on the 20th August at 3pm (UK - BST).

The event will be recorded. If you are unable to attend you can register and watch the event at a time that is more convenient to you. The report will be available for download on the morning of the report launch.

<http://www.acclimatise.uk.com/news/cdp-2009-global-electric-utilities-web-launch-on-20th-august-2009>

Acclimatise, with sponsorship from IBM, is working with the CDP to publish four adaptation reports. This is the second report analysing the responses from Global Electricity companies to the CDP 2008 questionnaire. The report explores the actions being taken by electric utilities to assess and manage the risks and opportunities that a changing climate will have on their business models. It analyses the current energy challenges, specific drivers for adaptation and provides senior executive level guidance on the actions needed to adapt and build business resilience to the

impacts of climate change. The report also recognises that adaptation is an increasingly critical issue for governments, regulators, investors and the financial markets.

The first report looking at the adaptation challenges for the UK FTSE 350 was released in April this year. Further reports are to follow exploring the issues for the oil & gas, and mining and metals sectors.

<http://www.acclimatise.uk.com/news/press-release-CDP6>

To register for the Webinar and/or to learn more about the report:

<http://www.acclimatise.uk.com/news/cdp-2009-global-electric-utilities-web-launch-on-20th-august-2009>

New Regional Network Brochure from



World Business Council for
Sustainable Development

The WBCSD has launched its latest Regional Network brochure, highlighting the work of its 60 CEO-led partner organizations around the world. The brochure, titled "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally", is a snapshot of how the various organizations that make up the Regional Network put sustainable development into practice.

It can be downloaded via:

<http://www.wbcsd.org/includes/getTarget.asp?type=DocDet&id=MzUxMTg>

Comment on UK Low Carbon Transition Plan

BCSD-UK MC member Mike Ferrow of ConocoPhillips has led us to an excellent review of the recent UK Low Carbon Transition Plan. The package is produced by Herbert Smith.

To access the report:

<http://www.herbertsmith.com/Publications/> then to 'Environment and health and safety' and 'UK Government confirms green energy and low carbon agenda'

News from London Leaders Group

For the latest newsletter from the London Sustainable Development Commission's London Leaders programme:

<http://www.isend-itineris.co.uk/viewnewsletter.asp?ID=ODY4MA==>

Global Environmental Prize

Are you doing something for the environment?

The 2010 St Andrews Prize for the Environment is open to entrants from anywhere in the world.

The winner will receive \$75,000 USD and two runners-up will each receive \$25,000 USD.

Aimed at helping ordinary people find solutions to environmental problems, the Prize was launched 11 years ago and is recognized as a prestigious international initiative by the University of St Andrews, Scotland and international energy company, ConocoPhillips, attracting entries from around the world.

The focus is on environmental initiatives, but of course the most innovative and important usually come with gains to people in their locality.

More information can be found at:
<http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/>

Decentralised Energy Guide

BCSD-UK has produced a Guide to offer Specific and Practical information to support your implementation of Decentralised Energy Systems. Presented in an easy to understand format which you navigate around by using buttons.

The Guide can be downloaded via:
<http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/Portals/0/Presentaions/DecentralisedEnergyGuide.pps>

BCSD-UK Diary Dates

1st and 2nd October, **Business Model Residential Workshop** in Rotherham *by invitation only*;
22nd October, **Climate Change Adaptation** event in Leeds Town Hall;
18th November, **BCSD-UK House of Commons Dinner** *BCSD-UK members and guests only*;
19th November, **BCSD-UK General Meeting** at Lloyds Banking Group, London;
December tbc, **Procurement and Sustainable Development in Supply Chains** at WSP, Leeds.

For more information on these events:
<http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/Activity/ForthcomingEvents/tabid/102/Default.aspx>

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