

BCSD-UK UPDATE March 08

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1. BCSD-UK Forward Programme 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
February 21st	Scottish Steering Group	Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow
February 21st	Construction Industry Consultation Workshop	Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow
February 25th	Renewables Technology Audit '08	Council House, Birmingham
February 28th	Management Committee meeting	EEF, London
March 13th	WBCSD Liaison Delegates Meeting	Montreux, Switzerland
March 11-13th	Best Practice Visit	Gussing, Austria
March 18th	General Meeting	BPE Solicitors, Birmingham
March 25th	The Carbon Reduction Commitment Conference	Edinburgh
May 7th	SCP Taskforce Workshops (2) on Decentralised energy and Mobility	LloydsTSB, London
May 14th	Scottish Steering Group	WSP, Edinburgh
May 15th	General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting	Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow
May 22nd	SCP Taskforce Workshops on Decentralised Energy and Mobility	Council House, Birmingham (tbc)
May 31st - June 8th	CABE Climate Change Festival BCSD-UK managed business events	Birmingham and Nottingham
June 12th or 18th (tbc)	SCP Taskforce Workshops on Decentralised Energy and Mobility	Queen's Hotel, Leeds (tbc)
July 10th	General Meeting and Management Committee Meeting	LloydsTSB, London

August 28th	Scottish Steering Group	tbc
October 8th or November 20th	GM, MC and AGM (tbc)	LloydsTSB, London
October 15th/16th	BASE Exhibition and Conference	ExCel, London
November 19th	House of Commons Dinner	London
November 20th or October 8th	GM, MC and AGM (tbc)	LloydsTSB, London
November 26th	Scottish Steering Group	tbc

2. Report from BCSD-UK Management Committee – new Vice Chairmen; fees – no change; what members want; programme ratified

At the recent BCSD-UK Management Committee meeting hosted by EEF:

- Danny Lawrence (Lafarge) and Malcolm Stephenson (Shell) announced their retirements as Vice-Chairmen. Danny has now retired and Malcolm has moved on from Shell. The Chairman and CEO thanked them for their energetic and longstanding commitment to the organisation. Dr Paul Brooks (Corus), a founder member of the organisation, and Hon Prof Peter Braithwaite of ARUP were voted as new Vice Chairmen.
- It was agreed to maintain the current BCSD-UK fee structure
- Reasons why people join BCSD-UK were identified and agreed as mainly being:
 - A platform for the exchange of best practices, ideas and challenges with an eye on mutually beneficial learning
 - An opportunity to emphasize in a constructive way specific issues with government
 - An opportunity to be associated in a collective organisation with which we share values and aspirations and which is associated with WBCSD
 - A vehicle by which to understand market drivers
 - Emphasis on action rather than policy
 - Opportunity to contribute to prompting sustainable development in industry
- The 2008 programme was ratified.

3. Successful first “RTA’08”

Industry and Government Could Help UK Improve Use of New Technologies

We have technology and solutions to respond to many of today’s energy and climate change challenges but deployment in the UK remains low. That was the headline output from the first Renewables Technology Audit held before a capacity audience in Birmingham where criticism was aimed at both Government and industry by speakers and delegates. Clearly the UK is not doing as well as it could and is being out-performed by other countries.

The above is extracted from the press release arising from the BCSD-UK supported first half day Renewables Technology Audit '08 sponsored and hosted by Birmingham City Council with support from Advantage West Midlands. Speakers for this sell-out event were Deane Flint, Divisional Sales Director, Mitsubishi Electric Living Environmental Systems; Mike Froom, Business Development Director, Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies; Garry Albutt, Technical Sales Manager, Renewable Energy Products, Worcester Bosch Group and Dr Mike Ahearne of the Technology Innovation Centre of Birmingham City University who arrived as a delegate but ended up as a speaker when the biodiesel expert failed to arrive.

For RTA'08 newsletter – press release – photos – PowerPoint downloads – go to RTA'08 page on www.mebconline.com

4. Report from SCP Taskforce launch - two reports – Decentralised Energy and Mobility 2020



At an event held in the library of the Science Museum, the Business Taskforce for Sustainable Consumption and Production launched reports from its workstreams on Decentralised Energy and Mobility 2020.

Introducing the reports were PETER JONES of Biffa and DR STEWART DAVIES of the Sustainable Development Commission. Business in the Community, the University of Cambridge Programme for Industry and

BCSD-UK have been the three business networks closely associated with this work. Now BCSD-UK is to stage consultative workshops (see diary above) in London, Leeds and Birmingham to promote the findings of the reports and to take soundings from wide representation from the business community. Downloads and reports from the launch event via

http://www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/pdf/Mobility_2020_final.pdf

http://www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/pdf/SCP_Taskforce_Energy_Report.pdf

http://www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/docs/SCP_TF_Decentralised_Energy_Presentation_12_March_2008_-_PJ.ppt

http://www.cpi.cam.ac.uk/docs/SCP_TF_Mobility_2020_Presentation_12_March_-_SD.ppt

5. Andrew Bright on Scottish exploration of Climate Change

Chairman of the BCSD-UK's Scottish Steering Group, WSP's Andrew Bright, attended a business get together staged by the Scottish Parliament and hosted by Scottish Enterprise to explore and comment on the draft Climate Change Strategy for Scotland. Andrew's comments from the meeting can be seen in the BCSD-UK Document Library at www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

6. John Hill on why UK will miss 2010 renewables targets

In an open letter to BCSD-UK's CEO, BCSD-UK member John Hill spells out why he believes "the UK 2010 renewables target will not be achieved". In his letter - which can be seen in the Document Library of the BCSD-UK website at www.bcsd-uk.co.uk - John says "To achieve Round Three, the rate would have to pass 3GW per annum around 2016 and reach 5GW pa in 2020! This is just the UK, needing to deploy at ten times today's global offshore rate within ten years!"

7. Climate Policy Map from our German partners

Via WBCSD - we would like to inform you that our German partner organisation, econsense, has just launched a very interesting "Climate Policy Map" (available both in

English and in German). It aims to present climate policy information in an attractive and understandable way and consists of three components:

1. A Map Creator to create maps on climate policy by combining multifaceted information on climate policy with data of energy supply and socioeconomic factors for 14 countries and regions of the world (the choice of countries was determined by their impact on climate).
2. Fact Sheets that summarize information on climate policy regarding a country or a specific issue. The Fact Sheets are based on the data of the Map Creator and display selected sets of data in a concise way,
3. Information related to the main Legal Basis of national climate policies. Included are pieces of binding legislation at the federal level as well as some major political programs relating to climate protection.

A flyer and press release on the Climate Policy Map is available in the Document Library of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk. To access the map: www.climate-policy-map.econsense.de/

8. Deadline for abstracts for Malmo Sustainable Innovation event

Sustainable Innovation 08 - Future Products, Technologies and Industries is part of the Towards Sustainable Product Design series of conferences from 27th - 28th October 2008 at Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden. Call for abstracts – see www.cfsd.org.uk/events/tspd13/index.html

9. Call for papers for a special edition of the Journal of Corporate Citizenship

Landmarks in the History of Corporate Citizenship.

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