



BCSD-UK UPDATE – February 2008

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1: WBCSD President's message

WBCSD President Bjorn Stigson in his February Executive Member UPDATE considers how sustainable development continues to play an increasingly crucial role for governmental policies and notes that at this year's World Economic Forum in Davos there was a record number of SD related sessions especially around climate and water. BCSD-UK members can see the full text in the Members zone on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

2: BCSD-UK General Meeting - March 18th

Hosted by BPE Solicitors in Birmingham, our first General Meeting of 2008 is already 50% full! Open to BCSD-UK members and invited guests (and if you receive this you qualify one way or the other!) the March 18th morning event provides us with further opportunity to consult on two new proposed BCSD-UK projects - Energy Efficiency in Buildings - UK led by ARUP and Sustainable Building Design Web Portal led by WSP. If you wish to attend but have not yet registered, contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk.

3: New Member Profile – Bee Bee Developments

Bee Bee Developments is a property development company with a strong track record in delivering major regeneration projects. Working closely with public and private sector organisations, Bee Bee Developments creates communities in which people want to live and work, and in which businesses want to invest. The company takes a long-term view of its projects, in order to guarantee high quality development and strong returns for investment partners.

Bee Bee Developments aims to generate economic, social and environmental uplift through its projects. Long-term investment in strategic sites enables Bee Bee to deliver successful schemes, from commercial refurbishments to large mixed-use urban extensions. Through

good planning, design and construction management, combined with the right branding, marketing and stewardship, we create sustainable, high quality environments.

To guarantee truly sustainable growth, we believe that investment in infrastructure is critical. We champion the delivery of social, environmental and transport infrastructure to bring about successful mixed-use communities. Our developments act as catalysts for strategic transport networks, excellence in the provision of education, health and community facilities, and enhanced environmental initiatives.

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4: E.ON joins BCSD-UK Management Committee

We are delighted to announce that E.ON has not only joined BCSD-UK but that the company has become a member of the BCSD-UK Management Committee on which it will be represented by Samantha Baylis, Head of Sustainable Energy Solutions.

5: Noisy challenge at BCSD-UK Construction Workshop in Scotland

There was a full house (and waiting list!) for the BCSD-UK Construction Industry Consultation Workshop hosted by Scottish Enterprise on February 21st. This was part of the consultation process for the business plan development of two new BCSD-UK projects noted in item 2 above. Even Event Manager Debbie Dorman was challenged when an incredibly loud noise sounding like a flock of helicopters landing on the roof made debate more than a little difficult! The culprit turned out to be pile drivers on the adjacent river sending vibrations up to the very glassy Board Room of Scottish Enterprise's HQ. The move to another room did not dampen the pace of the debate.

6: Taskforce reports on Decentralised Energy

The Chairman, the CEO and four BCSD-UK members were in attendance at the 1 George Street "pre-launch launch" on February 22nd of the report from the Business Taskforce on Sustainable Consumption and Production on Decentralised Energy. BCSD-UK along with Business in the Community and the Cambridge University Programme for Industry have provided business input to this Government sponsored initiative. BCSD-UK member, Peter Jones of Biffa Waste headed this workstream of the Taskforce.

7: WBCSD 29th edition of SUSTAIN – focus on water management

WBCSD magazine "Sustain" is out! Its 29th edition focuses on the issue of Water - providing an update on the WBCSD project and examples of companies' best practices in water management. It can now be downloaded from their website via the following link: <http://www.wbcds.org/plugins/DocSearch/details.asp?type=DocDet&ObjectId=MjgxMzk>

8: WBCSD on mandatory reporting

The World Business Council raised an issue concerning mandatory corporate reporting. Branch responses from Denmark, Norway, Malaysia, France and Ecuador can be seen in the Members Area on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

9: DEFRA update on Climate Change Bill

From DEFRA - You may be interested to note that Defra's Secretary of State, Hilary Benn, has announced the Government's proposal that a review of the target to reduce the UK's CO₂ emissions by at least 60% by 2050 should be made a statutory duty for the Committee on Climate Change. The Committee is to provide its advice on both the 2050 target and on the first three carbon budgets by 1st December 2008. This is one of several amendments

tabled by the Government to strengthen the Bill as it moves towards completing its passage through the House of Lords. Other amendments tabled include measures to strengthen compliance with the target, increase accountability and transparency and expand the remit of the Committee on Climate Change.

Further information, a copy of the press release and details on the terms of reference for the 2050 target review are available via the defra website. Please see the following link: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/legislation/index.htm>

Other updates from DEFRA on the Climate Bill are attached – also see Annex Briefing Note.

10: The Future of Flood Risk Management in Scotland - call for response to consultation process

BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group Chairman, Andrew Bright of WSP, has called on members to form a joint response to the First Minister's announcement that the Scottish Government will introduce a Flooding Bill in 2008 to modernise the flood risk management system in Scotland. As part of this process the Consultation Document "The Future of Flood Risk Management in Scotland" has been published very recently and responses to the specific questions in this Consultation are welcomed, as are any other general comments.

The proposals in this consultation paper are designed to establish a framework within which sustainable flood risk management in Scotland will operate more effectively than at present. They will ensure that there is no duplication of effort, and that the flood risk management process is simplified and better co-ordinated. Local authorities, who are accountable to local communities, and best able to judge the needs of their areas, will continue to be responsible for implementing flood alleviation measures. However, individual local authorities cannot operate in isolation. The proposals will establish a way of co-ordinating catchment flood management planning to ensure a national approach, delivered locally. Views on these proposals are welcomed. Closing date is 23rd April 2008. Please send any responses to the BCSD-UK at davidm@ebc-info.co.uk.

11: BitC stages energy & waste event at Lafarge's new UK HQ - March 4th

This half-day workshop will demonstrate how companies are reducing energy use and waste in their buildings to cut costs and create business benefits. It will be hosted by Lafarge Cement UK - winner of the Eco-Efficiency Award for Excellence 2007 - in its newly-opened office in Birmingham. The event will detail the business benefits of reducing energy use and waste in buildings and include:

- Case studies from companies that have developed eco-efficient buildings
- An expert speaker on reducing resource-use and waste
- A tour of Lafarge Cement UK's new offices to see eco-efficient measures in practice
- Practical advice, tools and support

Click here for [more information and to book your place](#)
9.30-14.00, Tuesday 4 March 2008, Birmingham B37 7BQ

12: Holyrood Conference

BCSD-UK is one of the supporting organisations to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Conference being staged by the Holyrood Magazine in Edinburgh on March 25th. The speaker line up is headed by James Wilde, Director of Insights at The Carbon Trust; Alasdair Harper, Policy Adviser, DEFRA Carbon Reduction Commitment Team.

13: BASE

The large Advisory Board of the new Business and a Sustainable Environment (BASE) exhibition and conference to be staged in London in October met recently for the first time and provided the organising team with much food for thought about how the event moves forward. BCSD-UK is involved and will be offering discounted opportunities to members and involvement with conference activity.

14: Interesting new trucks being used by M&S and PC World

Thanks to Simon Helmer, Carbon Trust Key Account Manager based in the West Midlands, for pointing out the interesting new trucks being used by M&S and PC World – based in his region too!

http://www.donbur.co.uk/gb/products/aerodynamic_teardrop_trailer.shtml

http://www.donbur.co.uk/gb/news/mands_teardrop_trailer.shtml

http://www.donbur.co.uk/gb/news/pc_world_teardrop_trailer.shtml

15: Website – have you looked at www.bcsd-uk.co.uk lately?

The new and improved BCSD-UK website continues to attract attention - and contributions - and hits. There are recent new contributions to the library with authoritative articles from members and more "hot links" in two-way deals with other sites of importance including that of our WindSupply project which is currently receiving more than 500 hits a day.

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