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ScottishPower joins BCSD-UK

We are delighted to welcome ScottishPower into membership. This news follows recent announcements that National Grid have joined.

BCSD-UK Contracts with CAY

BCSD-UK has signed a contract with Carbon Action Yorkshire, Yorkshire Forward's programme to accelerate development of a low carbon economy in the region, to help communicate best practice to the region's business leaders. The programme is to be run in association with Business in the Community and will involve tapping into the knowledge of existing BCSD-UK members.

BCSD-UK members are the best – It's official!

ScotAsh

ScotAsh is included in this year's CleanTech 100 – dubbed "the official list of Europe's hottest green businesses". The company – a joint venture between ScottishPower and Lafarge Cement – manufactures cements, grouts and other construction products from power station ash, conserving natural aggregates, saving CO2 emissions and avoiding the need to landfill up to a million tonnes of ash each year.

Based at Longannet Power Station, Kincardine-on-Forth, ScotAsh is one of just a handful of Scottish businesses to make it onto the CleanTech 100, compiled by *The Guardian* newspaper and Library House. The CleanTech 100 represents a rigorously selected group of private clean technology companies, deemed to represent the hottest prospects for the future, selected using Library House software and an expert panel of "clean tech" investors and company leaders.

ScotAsh, the only Scottish winner of a Queen's Award for Enterprise in the Sustainable Development category this year, is currently supplying "green" construction materials to several major projects, including the M74 extension and key venues for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. The company, through I & H Brown and Consolidate, is supplying conditioned ash and cement that is being used in the construction of the new Chris Hoy Velodrome and the National Indoor Sports Arena. Around 50,000 tonnes of conditioned ash and 5,000 tonnes of cement will go into the groundworks for the new venues, near Celtic Park in Glasgow's East End. The use of ScotAsh products instead of conventional materials will save about

52,000 tonnes of primary aggregates and around 2,400 tonnes of CO2.

WSP

WSP has been recognised by Barclays Commercial Bank as one of the 12 UK companies to have made most business innovation from the green agenda. The awards were open to businesses of all sizes which recognised that helping to build a sustainable future is more than just a matter of conscience, it makes sound commercial sense.

“This was a highly competitive award and to reach the final 12 is a great recognition of the hard work and innovation of all of our teams” says David Symons of WSP.

The other eleven companies ranged from Innocent Drinks – who were recognised as the overall winners of the large business category, Ecotricity and nine smaller companies including a wood-to-energy power station, a renewable nappy company and Moixa energy, which produces a battery that can be recharged through a USB port. All twelve businesses will be featured in a limited edition book that will be sent to government heads and influential figures around the world.

26th March – Our 10th Anniversary Business Summit

Worth putting in your diaries now – 26th March - BCSD-UK 10th Anniversary Business Summit to be held in London. BCSD-UK members should perhaps also reserve the evening of 25th March as well. No details yet but watch this space!!!!!!!!!!!!

BCSD-UK members in Scotsman articles

British Waterways, Diageo, ScotAsh and Scottish & Newcastle – all BCSD-UK members, feature in the commendable series of four extensive articles published by The Scotsman and written by Charles Henderson of Climate Features.

Titles for each of the four were:

- “Holyrood Gets Ready To Set The Standard In Carbon Cutting”
- “Green-collar Jobs Are The Biggest Prize”
- “Talk Of Carbon Slipping Down The Agenda Is Hot Air”
- “Don’t Assume Carbon Emissions Are Somebody Else’s Problem”

They can now be seen and downloaded from the BCSD-UK web site in the Document Library - www.bcsd-uk.co.uk/Libraries/DocumentLibrary/tabid/112/Default.aspx

St Andrews Prize - Final Call – Closing Date 31st Oct

2009 ST ANDREWS PRIZE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

\$125,000 US DOLLARS IN CASH PRIZES

Applications are invited from individuals, multi-disciplinary teams or community groups for the 2009 annual prize, consisting of an award of \$75,000 USD for the winner and \$25,000 USD for each of the two runners-up.

Closing date for entries is 31st October, 2008.

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

The 2009 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.

More information can be found at:

www.thestandrewsprize.com/awards/submission.htm

2008 winner podcast: <http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/videos08.htm>

Political

International Climate Change Division at DEFRA

From a productive meeting with the International Climate Change Division at DEFRA, BCSD-UK members who are speaking at climate change related events abroad are asked to link to the Division via the BCSD-UK secretariat. This will ensure that relevant government units including Embassies can help maximise opportunities. We expect in the future that BCSD-UK members will also be invited to represent UK interests at events abroad.

BERR Seeks Case Studies

In the aftermath of BCSD-UK's involvement with the Business Taskforce on Sustainable Consumption and Production and its ongoing work on decentralised energy, a meeting was held at BERR. Attending were Rita Wadey, Policy Adviser - Distributed Generation, BERR, Jill Govier, Assistant Director – SD and CR Policy, BERR, Joanna Warner, Assistant Director - Low Carbon Heat Policy, BERR, Neil Carson, CEO, Johnson Matthey (who was Chairman of the Taskforce), Ian Stephenson, Johnson Matthey, Martin Green, Johnson Matthey, Mark Saunders, E.ON (as Leader of the BCSD-UK Energy Group), Peter Jones, formerly of Biffa (Project Leader for BTFSCP on Decentralised Energy), David Middleton, CEO, BCSD-UK.

In what proved to be an informative exchange of views, of particular interest was a request from the BERR team for case study evidence from BCSD-UK of successes but also evidence of hurdles and barriers.

Gregory Barker, Shadow Minister

BCSD-UK's CEO will this month be briefing Shadow Environment Minister Gregory Barker on our current activities and findings.

Alan Whitehead Hosts BCSD-UK House of Commons Dinner

Alan Whitehead, MP for Southampton Test and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Renewables and Sustainable Energy Group and Co-Chair, Associate Parliamentary Sustainable Resources Group, is this year's host for the annual BCSD-UK House of Commons Dinner.

We hope that all the major political parties will be represented this year. Date for your diaries is Wednesday 19th November. If you have not booked yet and wished to, please phone Jennie on 0121 693 8331. This event is restricted to BCSD-UK members only plus their guests.

Mark Todd

The BCSD-UK CEO has recently met and briefed Mike Todd, MP for South Derbyshire and a member of the Treasury Select Committee. He has asked to be kept informed of BCSD-UK activity and is especially interested in receiving case studies demonstrating the successful application of sustainable development values – and what hurdles had to be overcome in their delivery.

Andrew Mitchell

MP for Sutton Coldfield and Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell has asked to be kept informed on the outputs of the BCSD-UK Carbon Workshops.

BCSD-UK “Outreach” event in Cheltenham

Designed to tell the business world what the BCSD-UK is up to, our latest “OUTREACH” event is being held in Cheltenham on 16th October hosted by BPE Solicitors. Speakers include Jon Close from the host company, BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton, Louise Clancy from Arup and Rosanna Webb from WSP Environmental.

BCSD-UK Focus on Energy in Scotland

A BCSD-UK workshop is to be held in Scotland on Wednesday 26th November and will be entitled “Scotland – Bridging The Energy Gap”.

Hosted by Scottish Enterprise at Atlantic Quay, Glasgow, speakers will demonstrate how the Scottish business community is responding to the issue of energy provision and rising costs and concerns about security. Chairman of the event will be Peter Quinn, MD of ScotAsh and Chairman of the BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group. Speakers will come from Diageo, Scottish & Newcastle, NG Bailey, ScottishPower and National Grid. This half day morning event is free and includes lunch.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk

BCSD-UK Carbon Workshops – the Midlands & the North

The Faber Maunsell/AECOM led BCSD-UK series of free-to-attend investigative workshops on the carbon economy and a forward look towards 2050 now moves to West Bromwich and finally on to Shipley, Yorkshire.

On the morning of Thursday 6th November the venue is The National Metalforming Centre, West Bromwich where the event is organised and promoted by the BCSD-UK Midlands branch, the MEBC, and sponsored by the Black Country Consortium. Speakers will include Jason Longhurst, Executive Director – Environment, Black Country Consortium, Richard John, Head of Sustainability, Faber Maunsell / AECOM, Paul Mountain, Partner, Martineau, and Michael Smith, Director of Product and Innovations, URS Corp.

On the morning of Tuesday 18th November and hosted by Yorkshire Water at Esholt Hall, Shipley this event will be within the BCSD-UK contract with Carbon Action Yorkshire. Speakers will be Richard John, Head of Sustainability, Faber Maunsell / AECOM, Nicole Pay, Environmental Affairs Manager, Yorkshire Water, Cal Bailey, Marketing & Sustainability Director, NG Bailey, Stephen Brown, Sustainable Development Manager – Energy and Climate Change, Yorkshire Forward, and Steve Wallace, Global Head of Environment, National Grid.

If you would like to attend either of these workshops please contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk

BCSD-UK General Meeting in London

The final BCSD-UK General Meeting of the year, hosted by Lloyds TSB in London, on Thursday 20th November, will feature a workshop on Behaviour Based Sustainability led by WSP’s Behavioural Solutions Team. The meeting will also include a report on the new BCSD-UK Young Business Leaders Group from Hugh Williams of Ecotec (Ecorys in the UK). Hanne Stoersken from ConocoPhillips will provide personal evidence of the value of the WBCSD scheme. The member presentation will be from GlaxoSmithKline.

News from BCSD-UK member Whizzgo

whizzgo
pay-by-the-hour cars



We’ve got some exciting news to share with you all, and we hope you’re just as impressed as we are! A couple of weeks ago we launched our brand new, all-singing, all-dancing website at www.whizzgo.co.uk. Unfortunately, it won’t negotiate traffic jams or do the washing up for you, but we still think it’s pretty cool.

We’ve included a brand new section for businesses at www.whizzgo.co.uk/whizzgoforbusiness so you can find out how WhizzGo can save your business money, reduce risk, and cut out the stresses of administering a fleet of pool cars. We’ve

incorporated lots of new features to make your life easier, including simple pricing tables so you can compare our best deals and easy-to-navigate location maps so you can find your closest WhizzGo car.

To celebrate our new website we're offering a FREE 3 month corporate trial for all members who sign up before October 31st. So why not try using WhizzGo as a cost effective and greener alternative to your pool cars or grey fleet? For more information or to register for your free trial call Peter Pratt on 08444 77 99 66 or email peter.pratt@whizzgo.co.uk quoting the code OCTCRP08.

Diary Dates

14 th October	Birmingham	BCSD-UK supported Lunar Society Question Time Debate "Should Birmingham be planning a Radical Response to Climate Change?" Panel includes, amongst others, Nigel Lawson and Michael Meacher. Event Chairman Sir Michael Lyons.
16 th October	Cheltenham	BCSD-UK "Outreach" event hosted by BPE Solicitors – "Have you joined the Revolution?" An update on all BCSD-UK's activity. Half-day morning event.
6 th November	West Bromwich	Third in the series of BCSD-UK's workshops on the Carbon Economy, (see previous). Half-day morning event.
11 th November	Leamington	Location visit to Wolseley's Sustainable Building Center, Royal Leamington Spa.
18 th November	Leeds	Fourth Carbon Workshop, (see previous). Half-day morning event.
19 th November	London	House of Commons Dinner. Open to BCSD-UK Members and their guests only.
20 th November	London	BCSD-UK General Meeting hosted by Lloyds TSB. Half-day morning event.
20 th November	London	BCSD-UK Management Committee meeting at Lloyds TSB. MC members only.
26 th November	Glasgow	BCSD-UK Workshop on Energy hosted by Scottish Enterprise, (see previous). Half-day morning event.
26 th November	Glasgow	BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group meeting. SSG members only.
3 rd December	Birmingham	MEBC (BCSD-UK's Midlands branch) Annual Business Success Dinner. See attached flyer.

For more information on these events visit www.bcsd-uk.co.uk or email katieh@ebc-info.co.uk

Lunar Society's Stellar Line Up for Climate Change Debate

Birmingham's Response to Climate Change - How Radical Should It Be? - Birmingham Town Hall, Tuesday, 14th October 2008

Birmingham was the cradle of the Industrial Revolution; what should it now do to live with the consequences? Today's Lunar Society will broaden the debate on Climate Change in its keynote event at Birmingham Town Hall. The event will feature contributions from leading politicians, academics and economists. Chairman of the BBC Trust and Lunarman Sir Michael Lyons will chair the event.

The panel includes former Chancellor of the Exchequer Rt. Hon Nigel Lawson who recently published “*An Appeal for Reason: A Cool Look at Global Warming*” in which he argues against the findings of the Stern Report. David Henderson is former Chief Economist at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and now a prominent critic of the evidence for man-made global warming. Julian Morris is the Director of the International Policy Network think tank and formerly Director of the Environment and Technology Programme at the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Rt. Hon Michael Meacher MP is the Labour Member for Oldham West and Royton and Minister of State for the Environment in Tony Blair’s first administration. He is now a prominent campaigner on environmental and climate change issues. Kevin Anderson is a Professor at the University of Manchester and lead researcher at the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. Jacqueline McGlade is Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, formerly a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Warwick and has undertaken extensive research into climate change.

For further information on the event, please contact Kate Cooper: kate.cooper@lunarsociety.org.uk

Careers

A reminder that we have a new free service to BCSD-UK members - a recruitment section on www.bcsd-uk.co.uk

Someone seeking to remain in the renewables sector is Mike Jordan who has been a successful water and waste water treatment business manager with 20 years experience of leading sales and projects teams within the UK and European industrial and municipal water sectors. See attached CV.

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