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## BCSD-UK UPDATE - September 2009

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**“Sustainable development has passed a tipping point” -  
Björn Stigson, WBCSD President**

In his monthly UPDATE, World Business Council President, Björn Stigson, talks about why he thinks the subject of sustainable development is now passed a tipping point and has become central to many peoples thinking and actions. Members can read his full report on the members’ site at [www.bcsd-uk.co.uk](http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk)



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## **New action for the BCSD-UK in Scotland**

Scottish Enterprise has recontracted with BCSD-UK to deliver a series of business to business workshops in Scotland between now and the end of the current financial year. A draft programme has been agreed in principle and the secretariat will now work with members of the BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group to ensure a first class programme pertinent to the needs of Scotland is designed and delivered.

David Middleton and Debbie Dorman of the BCSD-UK will be attending the Sustainable Scotland Network's annual conference in Edinburgh on October 29<sup>th</sup> where they hope to develop strategic links with other groups in Scotland.

For more information on SSN and its conference, go to [www.sustainable-scotland.net](http://www.sustainable-scotland.net)

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## **BCSD-UK CEO speaking at Welsh event**

BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton will be a speaker at an "engagement event with businesses" being staged in Wales to consider sustainable development as the central organising principle. The event, to be held at the Park Thistle Hotel, Cardiff, is being organised by the Department for Environment, Sustainability and Housing/ Adran yr Amgylchedd, Cynaliadwyedd a Thai.

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## **World Business Council speaker at BCSD-UK General Meeting focus on COP 15 - November 19<sup>th</sup> - London**

Matthew Bateson from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development will be guest speaker at the BCSD-UK General Meeting to be hosted by Lloyds Banking Group at their London HQ on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Matthew is Executive Director for Energy and Climate and deeply involved with preparations for the critically important COP 15 meeting in Copenhagen in December. Discussions are in hand with DECC to secure a speaker from Government.

BCSD-UK's General Meetings are open to members and guests.

To register interest in attending, please e-mail [davidm@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:davidm@ebc-info.co.uk)

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## **BCSD-UK Energy Group Meetings October 27<sup>th</sup> – Steering Group – Manchester November 16<sup>th</sup> - Open Meeting - Birmingham**

The Steering Group of the BCSD-UK's Energy Group is to meet at the S&N Tadcaster Brewery in Manchester on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Steering Group has membership limited to members of the Energy Group who are paid up members of the BCSD-UK. The meeting will review recent actions and prepare to report to the forthcoming open meeting of the Energy Group.

An open meeting of the Energy Group is to be held at the UK HQ of Lafarge Cement UK in Birmingham on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The last similar meeting there was oversubscribed. A full programme will be published soon but it is hoped that subjects to be covered will include FITs, ROCs and grants; the low carbon world post Copenhagen; and with guest speakers from the ETG; TSB; and ETI.

To register interest in attending please e-mail [davidm@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:davidm@ebc-info.co.uk)

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## **BCSD-UK Climate Change Adaptation Workshop with CAY October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Leeds**

As part of its on-going programme of activity with Carbon Action Yorkshire, BCSD-UK is staging a free-to-attend Climate Change Adaptation Workshop in Leeds on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with speakers drawn from business and government agencies. The programme will look at:

<b>How is climate change creating new markets worth £ billions?</b>	<b>How is the Environment Agency tackling the challenge in Yorkshire and Humber?</b>	<b>How does the European Union impact on this locally?</b>
<b>How do businesses manage the risks associated with climate change? What are the risks?</b>	<b>What help is available to Yorkshire and Humber businesses?</b>	<b>How are businesses in Southern Sweden responding?</b>

To register interest in attending, please e-mail [evelynen@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:evelynen@ebc-info.co.uk)

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## **House of Commons Dinner – November 18<sup>th</sup>**

We still have a few places left for the 2009 BCSD-UK House of Commons dinner which is open exclusively only to BCSD-UK members and their invited guests. This event has become renowned for the quality and energy of debate that accompanies the excellent cuisine in the historic surroundings of the House of Commons.

More information via [jenniem@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:jenniem@ebc-info.co.uk)

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## **BCSD-UK @ PRASEG Awards Presentation Dinner Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Commonwealth Club, London**

Guest speaker is Lord Hunt of Kings Heath Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, with whom BCSD-UK developed links earlier in the year.

As members of the Parliamentary Renewable And Sustainable Energy Group we are entitled to have a BCSD-UK table at this important energy related event and are therefore seeking to

assemble a group of 10 BCSD-UK members and members of the BCSD-UK Energy group for the occasion.

Reservations on a first come first in basis and must be before Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. To reserve a place, e-mail [davidm@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:davidm@ebc-info.co.uk)

BCSD-UK members: £80 plus VAT; Energy Group members who are not BCSD-UK members: £90 Plus VAT

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### **People:Space:Movement – March 2010 – Coventry**

This is a new venture that seeks to bring together those involved in designing and developing low carbon urban space; IT in helping people make intelligent choices in how they move in that space; vehicle producers who are providing vehicles for the low carbon, sustainable future; those involved in exploring and providing new means of propelling vehicles. A combined exhibition and seminar programme, PSM is currently backed by Advantage West Midlands, Coventry City Council and Cenex – with discussions continuing with others.

The promotional leaflet can be downloaded via [www.bcsd-uk.co.uk](http://www.bcsd-uk.co.uk)

More information via [davidm@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:davidm@ebc-info.co.uk)

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### **BCSD-UK Guide to Decentralised Energy**

It was interesting to see that more than 330 people took a look at the BCSD-UK Guide to Decentralised Energy after it was mentioned in the last BCSD-UK UPDATE. The Guide was developed after a series of BCSD-UK workshops around the country identified that lack of understanding was a key factor holding back progress in the delivery of local, off-grid, renewable energy.

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### **ScotAsh – an “environmental leader”**

ScotAsh, the joint venture between BCSD-UK members Lafarge and ScottishPower, is one of only five UK companies showcased as an environmental leader on all 167 British Foreign and Commonwealth Office websites worldwide!!! If you google "ScotAsh, FCO" you can see them all listed. The other four companies are Bodyshop, Unilever, BAe Systems and the Co-operative Group.

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### **BCSD-UK – a supporting partner of the Rushlight Awards 2009**

BCSD-UK is a supporting partner of the Rushlight Awards 2009, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and recently accredited by the RSA. It is one of a handful of feeder schemes for the European Business Awards for the Environment. The awards are open to entries and will remain so until 31 October 2009. More information via [www.rushlightevents.com](http://www.rushlightevents.com)

## **MEBC explores how transition to low carbon will impact on West Midlands region and its businesses**

The MEBC, the Midlands branch of the BCSD-UK, staged a busy workshop hosted by Martineau in their Birmingham city centre offices to explore how the Government's commitments to the transition to a low carbon economy will impact on the region and its businesses. Speakers were Paul Mountain from Martineau, Chris Crean from Friends of the Earth, and Gareth Stanley of Advantage West Midlands.

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### **A new approach to waste currently bound for landfill**

Staunch BCSD-UK supporter, Peter Jones – formerly of Biffa – sends information on work in the West Midlands with regard to developing a coherent approach to siting the estimated 2000 plus waste re-processing centres needed to manage the estimated 40 million tonnes of material currently landfilled from domestic, commercial and industrial sources in the UK. Thus far that process has comprised the assumption that waste is a problem to be sorted. Where can it go?

This new approach is predicated on the approach.....where are the high density fossil carbon sink users in the UK? Which form the most attractive sites in terms of social, biodiversity, communications, land and investment opportunities? The energy profile (as recycle/fertiliser substitute/heat/gas/electricity/hydrogen/road fuel etc) drives the conversion technology....that drives the fuel specification.....that decides the logistics.....that drives "producer" behaviour.

Click the icon for information on the West Midlands Landfill Diversion Strategy launch.



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### **Turkish thanks**

Received from the CEO of the BCSD-UK Turkey after various people responded to the cry for help published by BCSD-UK. "Dear David; I wanted to say thank you. It was great help for the search and very useful. Hope this search can extend to business opportunities between companies and countries. I am impressed about your network. (Ms) Engin GUVENC, Executive Director/Genel Sekreter, Business Council for Sustainable Development – Turkey (TBCSD)

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### **A Soil Strategy for England – now downloadable**

*The new publication "A Soil Strategy for England" has now been published and can be downloaded via [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/land/soil/documents/soil-strategy.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/land/soil/documents/soil-strategy.pdf)*

We would like to draw your attention to a conference WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) are running, which I thought would be of interest to you.

## Resource Efficiency: The Future for UK Business? – A WRAP event

**Resource Efficiency: The Future for UK Business?** is being held in London on 4 November 2009 and draws together speakers including **The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP**, Defra Secretary of State, **Dr Liz Goodwin** CEO, WRAP, **Nick Pollard**, CEO Bovis Lend Lease, **David Palmer Jones**, CEO SITA UK, **Will Day**, Chair, SDC, for a panel debate chaired by **John Humphreys**. At the conference, business leaders will discuss the business benefits of resource efficiency and discuss how to overcome the challenges.

For more details, and to book your free place, please register on the [WRAP website](#).

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## The Carbon Trust Annual Report



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