



## Sustainable Development News from the MEBC

*Midlands Environmental Business Company, the proprietor of the Midlands Environmental Business Club formed in 1991, is a not-for-profit initiative managed by regional businesses and regional government offices and agencies to promote the values of sustainable development to the region's business community.*

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### **1. Renewable Technology Audit – Birmingham – October 18 (am)**

Now taking delegate bookings, this business to business investigation of market growth, supply response and innovation development includes

*Biffa Leicester – Mick Davies, General Manager*

*Birmingham City Council - Sandy Taylor, Head of Climate Change and Sustainability*

*Green BioDiesel Limited – Dr Matthew Davies, Director*

*RTA '07 - David Middleton*

*Shadow Environment Minister - Gregory Barker MP,*

*Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies - Mike Froom, Business Development Director,*

*Worcester Bosch Group - Garry Albutt, Technical Sales Manager, Renewable Energy Products*

More information and booking info via Katie Hoare on 0121 693 8333.

### **2. Draft onward MEBC programme**

Members can see the MEBC's response to AWM's Regional Economic Strategy via the MEBC's own web site. This follows a Think Tank hosted by Faber Maunsell in Birmingham.

Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	MEBC AGM & Board Meeting @ Martineau Johnson, Birmingham
Nov (early)	Flooding impact on regional business and economy
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Zero Carbon Housing in Birmingham @ Faber Maunsell, Birmingham
Dec 5	Business Success Dinner @ Birmingham Council House Banqueting Suite
January	Distributed Energy. Think Tank on outputs from Gov. Task Force
February	Mobility. Think Tank on outputs from Task Force.
March	What makes a good business?
March	Location visit
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Think Tank on differences between zero carbon/ climate change/sustainable development @ Arup, Solihull

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### **3. Inside info from Kyoto onward**

Some members might be interested to read the submission by Portugal on behalf of the European Community and its member states made in Vienna in August to the UNFCCC Secretariat on the Dialogue on long-term cooperative action to address climate change by enhancing implementation of the Convention (Decision 1/CP.11). David Middleton can e-mail you a copy if you ask for one via 0121 693 8338

### **4. Environment Agency annual review**

Headline news from the Environment Agency's Environment Performance in 2006 "Spotlight on business" shows good news as being reduction in most air pollutants by the 2000 sites they directly regulate; most sites improving their environmental performance; and Courts taking environmental damage more seriously. Bad news is that greenhouse gas releases are "creeping up again"; the EU Emissions Trading Scheme is not driving GHGs down fast enough; and that businesses are still too wasteful.

The Malvern Hotel and Blues grill is the only regional business to be mentioned as a case study in the report – good or bad. The hotel happily is a good example of water waste management.

### **5. Annual Business Success Dinner – December 5th**

Plans are still evolving for the annual dinner at the Birmingham Council House Banqueting Suite. Labelled a "Business Success Dinner", this event has grown and grown and is now in its fourth year. Date is December 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to be announced shortly. Tables can be reserved via [jenniem@ebc-info.co.uk](mailto:jenniem@ebc-info.co.uk)

### **6. Clive Austen – now available!**

Very well known to many MEBC members and staunch supporter from its outset, Clive Austen has recently taken an early retirement from being UK Division Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Manager at Coors Brewers (formerly Bass) after 22 years and is available to offer his services based on his deep knowledge of sustainable development issues from a practical implementation perspective.

Clive has been instrumental in gaining Certification to the ISO14001 standard for each of breweries and maltings plants in the UK and N. Ireland, and certification to OHSAS18001 at the Coors plant in Alton, Hampshire.

Also, Clive was responsible for developing and maintaining a programme to ensure the Company was licenced under, and complied with the recent Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) regulations.

Prior to this role, Clive was responsible for development and management of projects to reduce utility consumption within the business. This involved such projects as:

- Replacement of CFC refrigeration plant throughout the group.
- Removal of a 50MW coal fired boiler plant with a modern automated dual fuel installation.
- Review of water resources from owned Bores and Wells within the business.
- General waste minimisation and development of a mini MRF on site in Burton.

Clive has also dealt extensively with regulatory bodies and reviewed the EA findings for flood defences in the Trent Valley resulting in the EA revising their plans and improving the Burton flood defences in 2006, 5 years early.

During his time with Coors/Bass, Clive has been a long standing Chairman of the British Beer and Pubs Association Environment Panel, Deputy Chairman of INCPEN, The Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment, and has been actively involved with UKBCSD and EBC.

### **7. Recent Meetings**

Events and meetings the CEO has been involved with recently:

- Leicestershire County Council Environmental Scrutiny Committee (speaker)
- River Nene Regional Park Conference, Northants (speaker)
- DEFRA re COP meetings post Kyoto
- FIRA landscape designers in Birmingham re sustainable development
- BPE Solicitors of Cheltenham re their involvement with sustainable development
- Mike Smith at Yorkshire Forward
- Groundwork Resource Efficiency event in Birmingham (speaker)
- Perkins Engines (Caterpillar) in Peterborough re sustainable development matters
- Advanced Plasma Power re waste to energy

## 8. Sits Vac

### Business Development Manager

£30,000 per annum pro rata for a six-month contract with a view to becoming a permanent appointment. A chance to shape the future of this well-established and popular recycling charity.

Enthusiastic and self-motivated, you will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of our business plan. This will include the development of our kerbside collections, education and community projects, and commercial collections. You will need an understanding of both voluntary and business sectors, have experience of securing funds, and be a good communicator with the ability to negotiate confidently and effectively at a senior level.

For an application pack please call us on 0121 328 2020 or email us on [admin@brumcan.co.uk](mailto:admin@brumcan.co.uk)

Closing date Monday 24th September 2007  
Interviews will be held during w/c 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

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### CSV Environment

Project Officer (Parks & Green Spaces)

21 hours per week until July 2008

Starting Salary £20,895 pro rata (Scale 6)

CSV Environment promotes environmental action and awareness in the community, developing innovative community based projects that empower people to take action to improve the environment. A part time project officer (21 hours p.w.) is now required to help develop an exciting programme of work in the Ladywood Constituency, aimed at working with the local community and schools to develop their 2008 entries in to the Neighbourhood Category of the Heart of England in Bloom Competition. The candidate will be working closely with the local residents to help regenerate and brighten up their local area. The funding at present is only available until July 08, but it is hoped that future funding can be found.

You will need a proven track record of project delivery within the environment, with experience of working with a community from multi-cultural backgrounds and an ability to organise activities. Good communication, organisational and report writing skills are essential, with an ability to develop strong working partnerships with external agencies. Some horticultural knowledge would also be desirable for this post.

For an application form please telephone Jennie Rawlings on 0121 328 2820 (email: [jennie@csvgenvironment.org.uk](mailto:jennie@csvgenvironment.org.uk)) or write to her at CSV Environment, St Peter's College, College Road, Birmingham B8 3TE quoting reference

Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Interview Date: TBA

## 9. Web site

The MEBC web site has been radically revamped and can now be found via [www.mebconline.com](http://www.mebconline.com)  
Management of it is now via Katie Hoare who can be contacted on 0121 693 8334.

*MEBC is a not for profit limited liability company managed under contract from Birmingham by Environmental Business Communications Limited (EBC).*

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