

**MINUTES OF
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING
HELD 25 JANUARY 2005 AT EMRA**

Present:

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| Simon Drury (Chair) | Center Parcs Ltd |
| Cllr John Bull | EMRA member |
| Yvette Dearden | EMRA |
| Alison Hepworth | EMRA |
| Clark Field | EMFEC |
| Hugh Fenton | EMAGE |
| Keith Melton | Institute for SD in Business |
| Nick Brown | Nottinghamshire County Council |
| Sue Brothwood | Environment Agency |
| Diane Whitehead | GOEM |

For part of meeting – Nicky Conway, Forum for the Future

1. Apologies

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| Cllr Roy Mayhew | EMRA member |
| Tony Marmont | Beacon Energy |
| Cllr Michael Edwards | EMRA member |
| Alan Smith | Groundwork |
| Bettina Lange | EMEL |
| Jonathan Harris | Regional Public Health Group |
| Andy Barron | <i>emda</i> |

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| 2. | Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting |
| | <p>A meeting of the Regional Education for S.D. Group took place on 10 December. The most effective way for the Education Group to link with the Promoting SD Group needs to be established. Some areas of the region have shown good activity in education, others have been poor. The Education Group plan to undertake an audit to map out the progress schools are making in regard to S.D. throughout the region. An action plan would then be developed to move things forward.</p> <p>The Education Group to report to the Promoting SD Group the cost of undertaking an audit.</p> <p>Action Points from Previous Meeting</p> |

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| | <p>KM had tried to arrange a meeting for the group to consider the next EXPO but had not managed to secure a convenient meeting date – a meeting was to follow on from this meeting.</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>Sustainable Development and Scrutiny Project (Interview by Forum for the Future)</p> |
| | <p>Nicky Conway from Forum for the Future attended the meeting to interview members of the Promoting SD Group to gain feedback and information for their project reviewing <i>emda's</i> commitment to and delivery of S.D.</p> <p>Comments from the Group on <i>emda's</i> strengths and weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved in training • If a link can be made between economics & S.D. then <i>emda</i> are interested. • Contributions to the Toolkit • Sherwood Energy Village • Financial contribution towards S.D. EXPO • Financial contribution towards Markham • Sustainability checklist on application for funding. • Could do more to consult with local communities. <p>Any further comments could be sent either directly to Nicky or fed through YD.</p> <p>The Group felt it would be helpful for Nicky to speak to all SSPs and reps from the voluntary sector.</p> |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Environmental Infrastructure Project</p> <p>AH gave an update on this Project to the Group. At the last meeting of the Policy Board it was agreed to engage consultants to run the first phase of a scoping study on green infrastructure and to map areas of deprivation where green infrastructure could be incorporated. An inception meeting had been held with the consultants and a pilot area of 100 sq kms had been agreed in which to carry out the study.</p> <p>The consultants will be using the Land Use database and using an East Midlands study area which will be showcased at the S.D. summit at the end of January.</p> <p>Phase 2 will focus on how communities should be built. The toolkit for planners and developers that is being developed as part of this Group's sustainable design and construction project will contribute to this.</p> <p>Eco Footprints – it was reported that discussions have taken place with the WWF, linking work with Reward and the economics of environmental infrastructure.</p> |

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| 5. | <p>Climate Change Update</p> |
| | <p>Feedback from the Climate Change Steering Group workshop on “Planning for Change” included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim to try and pull together all climate change groups • The idea of having a regional co-ordinator. • The need for a business plan • A larger partnership with the potential of partners paying membership fees. <p>The next meeting of the Climate Change Group to take place on 27 January. After then it was hoped to have an action plan in place and to share good practice.</p> <p>It was suggested that ERN is used to get the message on climate change across.</p> <p>Update on S.D. and Construction</p> <p>YD updated the Group on the Project. The first phase was completed last September. Phase 2 includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A design competition for architects to design a building at Sherwood Energy Village, including a professional development training programme for architects.. 2) The development of a toolkit for planners and developers <p>The professional development training programme will take place in June. The design competition will be judged in December. A shortlist of candidates will be given to Sherwood Energy Village and those selected will be invited to tender for the award.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Dates of Meetings in 2005</p> <p>14 March, a.m. 27 April, a.m. 28 June, a.m.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>KM circulated document on Environmental Forum Strategy.</p> |