

**EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

NOTES OF MEETING

HELD 8TH FEBRUARY 2006 AT ENVIRONMENT AGENCY TRENTSIDE OFFICES

Present

Simon Drury (Chair)	Center Parcs Ltd
Alan Smith	Groundwork East Midlands
James Luger	emda
Bettina Lange	EMEL
Clark Field	EMFEC
Diane Whitehead	GOEM
Cllr Joan Travis	Derby City Council
Cllr Lucy Care	EMRA Member/Derby City Council
Keith Melton	EMAGE
Gail Dixon	Nottingham Trent University
Nick King	Environment Agency
Paul Fleming	De Montfort University
Nick Brown	Nottinghamshire County Council
Helen Ross	Nottingham City PCT
Yvette Dearden	EMRA

Apologies

Hugh Fenton	Scott Bader Ltd
Tony Marmont	Beacon Energy

1.	Notes from Previous Meeting
	The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.
2.	Sustainable Public Procurement Project
	<p>Clark Field introduced the project work and findings to date. The Group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating local food and making links with local suppliers and the rural agenda. • Building local capacity to promote sustainable procurement. • PSD Group's role in communicating with procurement professionals. • Identification of purchasers and supply chains. • Engagement with Regional Centre of Excellence. • Role of NHS Collaborative Hubs. • Making links with sub regional level. • Role of construction industry. <p>Action: CF to complete the project work in line with the 'next steps' highlighted in the report.</p>

3.	<p>SD Commission Next Steps Report</p> <p>Belinda Davis from Defra was unable to attend the meeting. The Group recognised the importance of the awaited Government's response and asked YD to contact BD to arrange another meeting.</p> <p>Action: YD to contact Defra to arrange another meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Sustainable Design Competition</p> <p>The Group recognised the project's success and discussed the way forward, in particular how to further mainstream sustainable design - Leicester City Council's initiative on carbon-free schools was cited as a good example.</p> <p>The possibility of running further design competitions in future years was also discussed.</p> <p>The Group requested a presentation on the Advice for Planners and Developers once the work had been completed and recognised the importance of influencing local development frameworks.</p> <p>The Group highlighted the great potential as well as the difficulty in influencing Private Finance Initiative contracts.</p>
5.	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>NK provided an update and the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful conference on 5/12/05 to celebrate 5 years of the Nottingham Declaration. • Defra Climate Change Communication Fund – initial work underway to explore the potential of submitting a regional bid. • Environment Agency has produced a checklist for use during the development process that addresses adaptation to climate change. • Links between climate change and health agenda.
6.	<p>Education for Sustainable Development Scoping Survey</p> <p>Clark Field presented the draft Scoping Survey report. The Group welcomed the report. It also suggested including references to additional initiatives for young people from around the region, including those undertaken by De Montfort University, as well as examples relating to vocational training.</p>
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Paul Fleming offered to report to a future meeting on lessons learnt from Yorks and Humber dCarb project.</p> <p>Elliot Morley's SD visit to region on 24 April – planning well underway.</p> <p>Simon Drury thanked Nick King for hosting the meeting.</p>

8.	Date of Next Meeting
	16 May – Derby City Council