

Promoting Sustainable Development Group
27th April 2005
Environment Agency Offices, Trentside, Nottingham

Present:

Simon Drury (Chair)	Center Parcs Ltd
Yvette Dearden	EMRA
Keith Melton	Institute for SD in Business, Nottm Trent University
Nick King	Environment Agency
Diane Whitehead	GOEM
Clark Field	EMFEC
Tony Marmont	Beacon Energy
Nick Brown	Nottinghamshire County Council
Bettina Lange	EMEL
Jenny Perreau	Institute for SD in Business, Nottm Trent University

Apologies

Cllr John Bull	EMRA member
Cllr Michael Edwards	EMRA member
Jonathan Harris	Regional Public Health Group
Paul Fleming	De Montfort University
Andy Barron	emda
Hugh Fenton	Scott Bader
Alan Smith	Groundwork East Midlands
Derk van der Wardt	EMRAF

2.	Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting	
	There were no matters arising	
3.	<p>Launch of UK SD Strategy</p> <p>Yvette Dearden presented a document comparing the work programme of the Promoting SD Group with the areas of priority covered by UK SD Strategy, the regional priorities in the IRS and the EMRA Business Plan. The following gaps had been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Forestry • Public sector energy use in the region • Tackling degraded resources • Tackling social inclusion <p>It was agreed that the Group should focus on the ‘tackling social inclusion’ gap identified, as the other issues were being addressed by other groups and/or organisations in the region.</p>	

	<p>A workshop was being held on Friday 29th April to discuss the UK Sustainable Development Strategy - SD and YD attending.</p> <p>Given the Promoting SD Group has been in existence since July 2003, it was agreed that the Group should review its work programme and progress to date at the 30th June meeting. This would then feed into the Annual Report to be prepared for the Regional Policy Board.</p>	SD/YD
4.	<p>Public Procurement</p> <p>Evan Rees of Social Enterprise East Midlands presented the BEST procurement programme of work. There are 3 phases of funding: 1. Research (due to finish at the end of May); 2. Implementation (commencing in June); and 3. Mainstreaming (taking lessons learnt and integrating into the public sector).</p> <p>Members of the group were asked to help identify how SEEM might best integrate this work into the public sector.</p> <p>It was agreed that SEEM would present their research findings at the November meeting of the Promoting SD Group.</p>	
5.	<p>Expo 2005 Event</p> <p>29th September has been fixed as the date for this joint event between the Regional Assembly and Environmental Industries Forum. It will take place at Pride Park. A variety of rooms/suites and boxes will be available for use and it is hoped that people will try and tie in as many meetings as possible on the day.</p> <p>Flyers/marketing leaflets will be available soon – members of the group to advise Jenny Perreau how many they require.</p> <p>Next project steering group meeting to be held at Pride Park on 6th May</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any enquiries re room bookings should be made through Jenny Perreau. • Inform YD of intention to hold meeting at the event as soon as possible. 	ALL
6.	<p>Audit of SD in Education</p> <p>A revised proposal was tabled by Clark Field for further consideration and discussion.</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit now referred to as Survey • Proposal has been limited to one A4 sheet ready for circulation to organisations • New group has not contacted anyone yet re funding but now has some idea on who to contact. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group asked to show their support in any way possible. • CF/YD to liaise to insert an initial paragraph in the proposal before distribution for funding. 	CF/YD
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>30th June 1 pm at Nottingham Trent University – focus of meeting to be review of Group’s work programme</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>YD informed the group that the Sustainable Design Competition has been launched - information is available on the EMRA website.</p> <p>Emda’s launch event on RES Review will take place on 24th May. It was agreed that the group should meet on 6th June am to discuss the RES. The discussions could then be fed into the Policy Board.</p> <p>NK informed the Group that the Climate Change Group had met with local authorities in the region to discuss taking forward the Nottingham Declaration.</p>	