

**Promoting Sustainable Development Group  
30 June 2005  
Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham**

**Present:**

Simon Drury (Chair)	Center Parcs Ltd
Yvette Dearden	EMRA
Keith Melton	Institute for SD in Business, NTU
Nick King	Environment Agency
Clark Field	EMFEC
Tony Marmont	Beacon Energy
Nick Brown	Nottinghamshire County Council
Bettina Lange	EMEL
Jonathan Harris	Regional Public Health Group
Paul Fleming	De Montfort University
Alan Smith	Groundwork East Midlands
Graham Norbury	G0-EM

**Apologies**

John Bull	EMRA
Andy Barron	emda
Hugh Fenton	Scott Bader
Derk van der Wardt	EMRAF

<b>1.</b>	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</b>
	<p>There were no matters arising</p> <p>It was noted that the Group had now been meeting for two years and that almost all the original members were still working on the Group. It was felt that the strength of the group is in its diversity and continuity of membership.</p> <p>It was agreed that the timing was appropriate, however, to invite a small number of new business representatives to maintain the desired public/private/volunteer sector split.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p>The meeting had been called to establish the Group's future work programme in light of the UK SD Strategy, the Regional Assembly's Business Plan and the five regional priorities as set out in the IRS Framework.</p> <p>YD confirmed that the Group would need to report to the Policy Board at its meeting on 29 September, which was being held at the EXPO.</p> <p>It was agreed that the work programme currently in place for the Group would largely continue. The emphasis should be on developing this further and continuing to increase the Group's engagement with a wider audience, including local authorities.</p>

	<p>In light of its terms of reference, the UK Sustainable Development Strategy and the Regional Assembly’s business plan, the Group agreed the following four <b>key priorities to shape its work programme</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To showcase good practice in sustainable development to businesses and other organisations.</li> <li>2. To develop a co-ordinated approach to sustainable public procurement in the region.</li> <li>3. To promote and co-ordinate the mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the region, including the promotion of sustainable design and construction.</li> <li>4. To contribute towards a co-ordinated approach to influencing behavioural change and promote engagement in sustainable development issues.</li> </ol> <p>It was agreed that the Group should focus on developing and promoting the following <b>project areas</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable design and construction</li> <li>• Sustainable public procurement</li> <li>• Showcasing good practice</li> <li>• Behavioural change</li> </ul> <p>With regard to <b>sustainable public procurement</b>, it was agreed that a survey to ascertain a comprehensive picture of what is happening in the region would be a useful next step.</p> <p><b>Education in SD</b></p> <p>CF reported that the newly formed Education for SD Group had now met three times and had agreed the way forward. The survey should be ready to commence in September.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>YD/SD to meet to finalise work programme prior to next meeting of the Group</b></li> <li>• <b>YD to approach EMRLGA to seek involvement in PSD Group’s work</b></li> <li>• <b>ALL to consider most effective ways of engaging and communicating with local authorities</b></li> <li>• <b>NK/JH to provide summaries of the future work programmes in relation to climate change and procurement steering groups</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> 10 am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Center Parcs HQ, Sherwood Energy Village, Ollerton.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> Tony Marmont told the group that the SD University idea had had a lot of offers of finance and land and other strong approaches had been made.</p>