

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire – Summer 2011



Welcome..... to SUSTAIN Lincolnshire's summer e-newsletter. In this edition we bring you news of a number of events and projects that are taking place over the next few months, including Business to Business Collaboration projects, Resource Efficiency Workshops and EMS training, as well as an update on the 2nd annual SUSTAIN Lincolnshire Expo that took place on 24 March 2011. Please don't forget to check out the 'Dates for your Diary' section for information on forthcoming events.

The Moving Forward Expo March 2011

On 24 March, the EPIC Business and Conference centre opened its doors to the 2nd annual SUSTAIN Lincolnshire Expo. The SUSTAIN Lincolnshire Moving Forward EXPO 2011 provided attendees with the opportunity to discover sources of advice and information, opportunities to network and hear how other businesses and projects have responded to the challenges we all face as we move forward into 2011. The day started out with a welcome speech from Councillor Eddy Poll, followed by our Keynote speaker, BBC Look North presenter and BBC Climate Change correspondent, Paul Hudson. Paul provided us with his perspective on some of the issues and opportunities that a changing climate may present for Lincolnshire's businesses. Delegates then had the opportunity to attend any 4 out of 6 seminars which included subjects such as 'New food products from by-products' run by Linda McWatt from the University of Lincoln; Introduction to the Quick Wins resource swapping workshop run by Charlotte Harper from NISP (National Industry Symbiosis Programme) to name a few.



Technology Showcasing....

Gusto Group were successful in securing the contract to manage our Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology Demonstration Project, which involves assessing how four of the County Council managed Business Centres can improve their energy efficiency by using the most appropriate energy reduction and renewable technology solutions available.

Installation of equipment is now complete in all four buildings, including the web-based monitoring equipment. Each building has its own 'dashboard', which is customised to meet specific requirements. These screens provide information on the cost of energy being used in each office, broken down to current and previous day. It then goes on to project how much power will be used against the target previously set. The next stage of the project will provide training in the use and interpretation of the energy monitoring and management systems, reviews of energy strategies, and awareness raising sessions.

We would like to hear from you

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire would like to hear from all companies that are operating within the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology field. We are looking to build a comprehensive database of all businesses that operate in the sector, so whether it's manufacturing, installing or supplying equipment we would love to hear from you. Please send your details through to SUSTAIN@Lincolnshire.gov.uk

Resource Efficiency Workshops ... The University of Lincoln at Holbeach have been awarded the contract to run a series of workshops specifically for the Food and Drink Sector. Research has identified that this sector has a significant environmental footprint so workshops will aim to educate SMEs on resource efficient methods and technologies. Workshops will begin in September and carry on into October. For further information see the dates for your diary section.

Sustainability Training ... The programme co-ordinated by Grantham College is now well underway. All equipment purchased by Lincolnshire County Council has been despatched to the various locations, and the programme of workshops has now begun.

The aim of the workshop is to enable SMEs to understand the implications of this emerging market, identify methods of improving resource efficiency and to discuss with qualified staff the opportunities for any training needs and business opportunities. It also provides SMEs with the opportunity to see the new technologies working in a living environment.

For details of these events and future dates contact Kevin Minette on 01476 591720 or e-mail kminette@grantham.ac.uk.

Business to Business Collaboration ... We now have two business to business collaboration projects running to the end of September. Oakwell Management Services Ltd are developing Sustainable Procurement Clusters with the aim of companies working together to procure more effectively; and the University of Lincoln are working with SMEs in the food sector to help them develop processes that reduce the amount of water usage. For further information, or if you'd like to get involved, please contact us at SUSTAIN@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire - Improving Your Resource Efficiency

Since launching in July 2010, PECT have worked with a wide range of businesses, from manufacturing to transport to food and drink, by providing support to improve resource efficiency and cut costs. We have worked with almost 50 businesses so far, with 36 already benefitting from more than 2 days of free consultancy.

P&R Plant Hire are currently working towards achieving international environmental accreditation standard ISO14001. PECT have provided them with support and guidance throughout the process, including running training workshops for their staff and providing assistance with understanding and completing the paperwork required. It also involves looking into innovative solutions to help P&R become more resource efficient. By installing a rainwater harvesting system on the workshop roof and using the collected water to clean the plant and construction equipment when it is returned, they have made a significant saving on their water bill.

Would you like to make a substantial saving in your business? Businesses are all feeling the pinch right now, so why throw money down the drain on resources that are simply being wasted? Don't miss this opportunity; find out more about our **FREE** support service by calling PECT now to arrange an appointment on **01522 589964** or e-mail katie.woolston@pect.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Environmental Management System Training - Following on from the success of our April workshops, PECT will be running a free two day introductory course on EMS ON 19th & 20th October 2011. For further information contact katie.woolston@pect.org.uk.

Resource Efficiency Workshops for Food & Drink SMEs – The University of Lincoln are holding a range of workshops on 20th, 21st and 22nd September

1 Day CIEH Accredited Course on 13th, 20th and 27th September

5 Day CIEH Accredited Course TBC – 1st week of October

For further details on these workshops, please contact holbeach@lincoln.ac.uk or telephone 01406 493000

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire is sponsoring the Lincolnshire Business Convention 2011 – Tickets are now on sale for this event which will be held at the Engine Shed on Thursday, 29th September 2011. For more information and to book your tickets visit www.lincolnshirebusinessconvention.com.