

Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership

Autumn 2003 NEWSLETTER

The Strategic Steering Group

Chairman: Jim McKenna (Chief Executive, Penwith District Council).

This year has been very successful for promoting the work of the partnership at local, regional and national level and locally has resulted in 11 radio interviews, 20 press articles on the work of CSEP and 29 press articles on the Home Health programme. At a national level, the partnership has received much recognition and many requests to present on its work including:

- A presentation at the Parliamentary Warm Homes Group conference
- A workshop at the UK Annual Public Health Forum
- A case study on the Managenergy website
- The use of the partnership as a model for the Mayor of London's Draft Energy Strategy for London
- Home Health's use of partnership working as an example of best practice in a National Heart Foundation's Fuel Poverty Toolkit for Primary Care Trusts.
- Praise from HRH Prince Charles following our July conference for setting a high example in sustainable energy development.
- Winning the national Home Energy Conservation award for the HomeHealth scheme in June.
- Tim German, CSEP manager's invitation to 10 Downing Street in 'recognition of work to protect the environment and promote sustainable development'.

Cornwall County Councils Public Service Agreement Energy Target has been approved by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. (ODPM) We believe that Cornwall County Council is the only authority without direct responsibility for housing and energy conservation that has agreed such a target. The agreement will release £115,000 to assist the Home Health programme and produce a sustainable energy strategy and action plan. Achieving the target will release £750,000 plus to continue Home Health from 2005 onwards.

Consultations will continue during the winter regarding the planning guidance document and the Sustainable Energy Strategy, our aim is for all organisations in the Partnership to sign up to the strategy in late Spring 2004.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS....
www.cornwallenergypartnership.org

Lynne Kendall, Acting Director of Public Health for North & East Cornwall Primary Care Trust (representing the health sector) and Tracey Roose, Chief Executive of Age Concern (representing the community sector) have joined the CSEP Strategic Steering Group. Lynne has already been involved with the Domestic Energy & Health Task Group and Tracey has long association with strategic issues having worked as an adviser for a government department.

The CSEP conference, held at Falmouth College of Arts, was well attended and very well received. A full report can be obtained on our website or by contact Abi on 01209 614974.

Much of the successful organisation of the conference was due to Sally Taylor. Having moved on from CSEP, Sally is now putting her skills to good use in her home village of Ladock where she is reopening the village post office and shop. We wish her all the very best of luck.

CSEP welcomes Abi Hooper Brown to their team.

The Domestic Energy & Health Task Group **(Chair: Tim German)**

Following on from the success of the Home Health project, Neighbourhood Renewal Funding of £205,000 has been obtained to allow the project to roll out to three more areas in Kerrier (Redruth North, Camborne North, Porthleven). The second stage of this project once again works in

partnership with the British Gas 'Here to HELP' scheme, Eaga Partnership, Registered Social Landlord's, Local Authorities and West Cornwall Primary Care Trust (WCPCT). Surveys are almost complete in all three areas with the following measures already completed in Redruth North (up to 8th August 2003):

- 186 Loft Insulations
- 20 Cavity Wall Insulations
- 20 Hot Water Tank Jackets fitted
- 10 Draught Proofing
- 82 Security Measures
- 28 Benefit Health Checks (average of £26.43 per week / £9,622pa extra identified)
- 22 Charity Referrals
- All households in the zones receive four free Compact Florescent Lightbulbs (CFLs)

The WCPCT have been successful in getting the health referral process on board much earlier and all indications are that this has enabled an even greater take up. Surveyors are reporting that it is much easier for them to gain access due to the community/health referrals that allows them to already have survey requests, contact details etc.

Having been recommended by Engage partnerships our SRB6 bid for £500,000 is undergoing appraisal by the RDA. Delayed from its original timetable it is now hoped that the Home Health Programme will, in the New Year, begin its progression into another seven areas in West Cornwall (St Ives, Newlyn, Heamoor, St Just, Hayle, Lizard, St Day). Four District Councils (Restormel Borough, Carrick, North Cornwall & Caradon) are working with CSEP for a £2.1million Private Sector Renewal joint bid, which would allow 'Decent Homes' project working in two areas (based on HomeHealth zone sizes) in each district.

Community Energy Plus (CEP) has also been awarded £3,000 from Community Learning Chest (to be matched by CEP officer time) to work on micro renewable projects. Called 'Renewables in Action' working with four community groups to provide energy efficiency/renewables information training which results in the groups building a small scale solar project, for example, solar lighting for an unlit area at youth centre, solar led lighting in community artwork etc.,.

(Next meeting of the DE&HTG –10am, 7th November, Unit 2 The Setons, Tolvaddon Energy Park ...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

The Business Sector Task Group

(Chair: Klaudia van Gool - Groundwork)

Research and feasibility work on **Envision Cornwall** continues through the work of a 'sub-group' of this Task Group. It is expected that an Objective One bid will be submitted in February 2004 with the project starting in April 2004. Envision targets Cornwall's SMEs in a number of ways with benefits of cost saving 4-10% off the bottom line, minimising risk from legislation breaches, providing opportunities to gain competitive advantage, improve image, and find new market opportunities and develop a more skilled and adaptable workforce. Consultation with the business sector is underway.

(Next meetings: sub-group ' 10am, 6th October 2003 Environment Agency Offices, Bodmin full task group – 2pm 22nd October 2003 at Business Link, Bodmin...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

The Renewable Energy Task Group

(Chair: Haydn Scholes- REOC)

In partnership with Cornwall County council a consultation/research report '**Cornwall Sustainable Energy Project - Planning Guidance**' - produced by CAG Consultants has been distributed for consultation. The document is aimed at educating and informing planners, elected members, architects and developers on the social, environmental and economic benefits of developing low and zero carbon technology schemes in Cornwall. The consultation period closes in mid-October. The full report entitled "**Towards A Sustainable Energy Strategy for Cornwall**" is available at www.cornwallenergypartnership.org also included is the planning guidance document which will be one of the delivery mechanisms for the strategy.

We are pleased to report the successful 'CLEAR SKIES' application of CSEP partner members **Penwith Housing Association** and **Geoscience** for an innovative project that both retrofits ground source heat pumps into some existing Social Housing and incorporates others into new build properties.

Information about the government CLEAR SKIES funding stream can be obtained from the newly updated web-site: www.clear-skies.org

CSEP is currently researching the possibility of a large European funding bid for a project which includes low and zero carbon technologies into a community/social regeneration programme.

(Next meeting of the Renewable Energy Task Group is : 2pm on 17th October, Unit 2 The Setons, Tolvaddon Energy Park - ...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

The Bio Energy Working Group (chaired by **Chris Hines of the Eden Project**) includes representatives from organisations such as The Eden Project, Cornwall County Council (Energy, Transport, Farming and Forestry), and the Forestry Commission with all members keen to progress a bio energy project in Cornwall. The LASP consultancy fund provided £5000 to commission the report by Enact Energy and Atlantic Energy on economically viable bio energy projects that could be established using the resources in Cornwall. The report is available at www.cornwallenergypartnership.org. Potential projects have been identified and the Group members are enlisting support and assisting organisations to arrange the inclusion of bio energy projects within their strategies. A questionnaire was distributed to all Town and Parish Councils and the positive response received will assist in identifying communities who are keen to be involved in a project.

CSEP is currently investigating various Bio Energy Projects.

(Next meeting of the Bio Energy Group (which includes a presentation about Bio Energy proposals at the Eden Project) : 2pm 8th October, Unit 2 The Setons, Tolvaddon Energy Park ...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

The Education Working Group (chaired by **Dean Millar of Camborne School of Mines**)

Broad support for a Peripatetic Energy Teacher has been received from secondary head teachers across Cornwall. An application for funding (led by the University of Exeter) from the EPSRC (Education and Physical Sciences Research Council) bid. If successful the post will be based at CSEP and the service will be launched at the Eden Project.

(Next meeting of the Education Group: 2pm, 5th November, , Unit 2 The Setons, Tolvaddon Energy Park ...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

The Public Sector Task Group (Chair: **Mark Summers - Cornwall Partnership Trust**)

At the last meeting the group have discussed how CSEP can best assist public sector organisations to understand and act on energy policy. One scheme will be training local authority staff by covering energy policy within the induction training with follow up thereafter. An action plan for interdepartmental training has now been drawn up and the group continues to work on enhancing commitment and facilitate a simple and effective methodology.

(Next meeting of the PSTG : 2pm - 30th October, Unit 2 The Setons, Tolvaddon Energy Park ...please confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974, if you would like to attend)

Wave Power Stakeholder Seminar 7th October 2003

'Wave Power off Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly – Getting to Grips with the Issues' will be held on 7th October 2003 at Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives in conjunction with Regen SW and Penwith District Council and funded by the Government Office for the South West. The prime purpose of the event is to explore the various wave power technologies and provide up to date information about the potential resources off Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Invited delegates are appropriate stakeholders from local authorities and key organisations such as tourism, fishing, conservation interests, economic development and business interests etc.

The day will form part of a consultation process, feeding into the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Strategy, due for completion in Spring 2004.

The event has been oversubscribed (by nearly 100%!!) and it is therefore likely that another 'follow-up event' will involve those unable to attend.

Biomass Seminar

CSEP hopes to work with REOC to rearrange the postponed Biomass Seminar to follow up the interest highlighted at previous events.

CSEP AGM

PLEASE PLACE IN YOUR DIARY.....

CSEP's AGM will be held on 11th December, at 9am at Council Chambers, County Hall, Truro. The meeting will be chaired by Jim McKenna, Chief Executive Penwith DC. This is the one occasion in the year when representatives of all the CSEP task groups, working groups and the strategic steering group have the opportunity of being together to further the aims of the partnership and be addressed by key speakers.

The Business Plan of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership will be under examination and key decisions may have to be made. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND ...and confirm with Abi Hooper- Brown on 01209 614974)

Funding database available

Funding databases covering education, renewables and combined heat and power involving renewable and sustainable technologies have been produced. Please contact us should you require a copy.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tim German or Abi Hooper-Brown on 01209 614974 (tim@csep.co.uk/abi@csep.co.uk) with any queries you may have about any issues outlined in this newsletter or to obtain any further information you may require.