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London Energy Forum update

January 2008

Dear Partner

Welcome to the January 2008 update from the London Energy Partnership. You may have wondered why you hadn't heard from the LEP for a while. Unfortunately, due to staff shortages we've had to curtail our activities in 2007 and the newsletter was one of the casualties! However, the LEP secretariat is now back in action with three new members of staff. Ute Collier, the new Partnership Manager came to the LEP from the Environment Agency. Ross Hudson moved from Southwark Council to take up the post of project manager, while Simon Evans has joined the LEP as project manager on a one year secondment from Islington Borough Council.



Ute, Simon & Ross visiting the Natural History Museum CHP plant

Currently, the team is busy completing outstanding project work. Work to be launched soon includes a report on the wood fuel supply chain for London and a Low Carbon Designer software tool. More details will follow in the next update.

New LEP report: Implementing delivery mechanisms for financing London's low carbon future

This report by consultants Ernst & Young continues the work of the LEP on identifying ways for financing low carbon projects in London. The work aims to promote three delivery mechanisms (Low Carbon Advisory Service, Green Mutual and Rental Esco) in which various individuals and organisations in London could participate and which could assist in overcoming some of the barriers associated with these projects.

Available on www.lep.org.uk. We have a limited number of hard copies – please contact simon.evans@london.gov.uk

Project updates

Training for planners

This project has a number of elements. The LEP will be supporting the LDA in forthcoming Borough Planners Training and also disseminating to the regions and planning bodies, the university and continuing personal development modules developed by the LEP in 2007.

Energy Skills for London Forum

Out of the successful *Skills for a Low Carbon London* report by the LEP came the recommendation to set up the Energy Skills for London Forum. This has happened with the multi-stakeholder Forum developing its vision and workplan with regards to how it will address the various skills requirements needed for London to meet the targets in the Mayors Climate Change Action Plan.

Finance work

The Finance Task group continues to develop and build upon previous work in the 'green finance' area. The Task Group is developing one of the delivery mechanisms from the most recent LEP report (see left), to the point where it can be delivered to London over the coming

year. An update will be provided in the next newsletter.

New LEP activities for 2008

CHP database project

This project will provide a database and maps of London's Community Heating and CHP networks, allowing building designers, developers and planners to consider connecting to and developing London's decentralized heat networks. Initial datasets should be available in early summer.

CHP marketing awareness group

This group is developing an action plan and identifying key partners to promote a better understanding of CHP and its potential for carbon and financial savings in London.

We are also currently reviewing our Energy Action Areas programme with a view to relaunching the EAA Task Group.

Diary date: Next London Energy Forum event 3 July 2008. Details to follow soon.

Task Group meetings

The next Community Heating & CHP task group meeting will be at Camden Town Hall, followed by a visit to the St Richards House CHP scheme in Euston on Wednesday 19th March.

The next Finance Task Group meeting will be held at City Hall on the 12th March.

The latest Energy Skills for London Forum is on the 30th January at City Hall.

Partner News

The Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, and British Gas have joined forces to offer Londoners the cheapest DIY home insulation offer on the market. Londoners can apply for DIY loft insulation kits at a cut-price £49 (£99 upfront with £50 cash back on installation).

There are also special offers for professionally fitted cavity wall or loft insulation.

<http://www.london.gov.uk/insulate/>

The London Development Agency has launched a Green Homes Concierge, providing Londoners with a tailored service helping them to reduce carbon emissions from their homes. For more information

<http://www.greenhomesconcierge.co.uk/index.aspx>

Islington Borough Council has opened a Green Living Centre at its municipal offices at 222 Upper Street, N1. The Centre has various interactive displays and staff are on hand to provide tips and advice on saving energy, recycling more, or using greener building material.

http://www.islington.gov.uk/Environment/GettingGreener/Green_Living_Centre/

January 10 saw the launch of the London Energy Advice Service, supported by the Energy Saving Trust and London Development Agency.

The advice service was launched by Deputy Mayor Nicky Gavron and aims to be a route for all Londoners to get the right energy saving information and advice without having to contact a myriad of service providers and will also work with suppliers and installers to improve service delivery.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/content/view/full/368>

The Better Building Partnership, an initiative developed by the London Climate Change Agency, brings together a number of the largest commercial and public property owners in London to develop solutions that stimulate and enable the commercial property sector to take up wide spread sustainable building retrofit.

<http://www.lcca.co.uk/server/show/nav.00500a>

If you want details of your activities or events included in the next update, please e-mail [Ute Collier](mailto:Ute.Collier)
