

## Newsletter – August 2009

### Project Updates

Lots of good work has been done on Kelham Island Wheel Pit. We are still progressing with Jordan's Dam with an ideal scenario resulting in Kelham Island being commissioned Summer 2010 and Jordan's Dam Summer 2011.

### *Kelham Island*

A number of volunteers spent a very hot Friday attempting to measure the possible flow rates in the Kelham Goit



This highlighted issues with the head sluice, goit and tail goit, and it was amazing to see what 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s looks like when going down the goit. We have had positive meetings with the Environment Agency and local ecologists. Planning permission is being submitted and we have begun work on the submission of the abstraction licence.

### *Jordan's Dam*

We are in talks with Yorkshire Forward to place a bid for some development funding (initially) and then hopefully some capital funding, either grant or equity. Getting quotes for a feasibility study to be carried out. Still awaiting a decision from British Waterways about the site.

### Festivals

#### *Cliffhanger*

We carried out a carbon footprint survey (Tonne of Fun) to raise awareness about the carbon impacts of leisure travel and to help people find a lifestyle they are comfortable with.

#### *Green Fair*

By far the best place for signing up new supporters/investors. We had our renewable energy models working and the wind blew and the sun shone!

### Welcome to new supporters/volunteers

Welcome to all those who signed up at the festivals or on our website. Some of you came along to an informal meeting for volunteers at The Red Deer in July. We hope you found the evening useful and we do hope that you and any other new supporters will get more involved. See below for events to join.

### Industrial and Provident Society

At our summer meeting in July (I know, what summer?) we officially launched the IPS and we are now registered with the FSA as Sheffield Renewables Limited. This enables us to raise funding for projects through share offers whilst maintaining our democratic ethos.

### Job Offer

You should all have received details of the post we are advertising – see details on our website – see bottom of newsletter.

## **Pledge Form**

A form for making a pledge to invest in our first share offer is now on the website. Do sign up if you are interested. It helps with our funding applications if we can show a certain amount of interest in the share offer.

## **Government's Renewable Energy Strategy**

The result of the consultation is looking good for us. The government will retain and extend the Renewables Obligation and is consulting on the two new financial incentives - Renewable Heat Incentive and feed-in tariffs for electricity generation.

## **Events – Get Involved!**

### ***Making Models***

We shall be having a half-day session in late September to make more renewable energy models, including a bicycle-powered gadget to run a laptop. If you want to help with this, please contact us (see below) and you will be sent the details – or watch the website for final information.

### ***Communications Group***

If you are interested in getting involved in our communications/publicity work please come along to an informal get together on Tuesday, September 8th at 8.30 pm at the Showroom Café. Send us an email (see bottom of newsletter) if you intend to come along so that we can look out for you. If you aren't able to make it to this meeting, let us know what your interests are and we'll get it touch.

### ***Technical Group***

The Technical Group meets fortnightly to discuss our projects (see above), arrange to do related work, etc. If you want to be involved in this, please see our website for details (see below) or write to us at our email address (below).

### ***Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre***

We shall be having another stall at Whirlow Hall Farm on Sunday, September 20th. Do let us know if you can come along on the day and help staff the stall.

## **Other News**

### ***Sheffield Campaign Against Climate Change AGM***

The first AGM will be held on 22 September (7-9.30 pm) at the Quaker Meeting House. SCACC is gradually expanding and will need a more formal set-up. A speaker should be named shortly. A formal constitution will be adopted and a Management Committee elected for the first time.

### ***Stop Climate Change***

We are hoping to join Stop Climate Chaos for a demonstration in London on December 5th. Put the date in your diary now. Transport from Sheffield will be arranged. More details later.

### ***Moving Towards a Low Carbon Economy – Lecture Series***

Sheffield Anglian Cathedral is to host a series of lectures, around October, with speakers including David Mackay, author of "Sustainable Energy without the hot air". It is hoped to establish a group in each constituency to host a follow-up discussion around this, with all political parties invited. Support will be given to volunteers who are needed in all areas – contact [mjbayley@btinternet.com](mailto:mjbayley@btinternet.com) for more details.

### ***City Mobiliser Internship (volunteer to you and me)***

Stop Climate Chaos Coalition are looking for volunteers in Sheffield to help build the UK's biggest ever demo on climate change. To find out more and apply go to: [www.stopclimatechaos.org/city-mobiliser-internship](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/city-mobiliser-internship)

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