



February Newsletter

New Website Goes Live!!!

Some of you may already have noticed that our new website is now LIVE. We also have a new blog team who will be keeping it updated with latest news. It is much easier for us to use and update, so do have a look and let us know what you think. Many, many thanks to Environment Room for all the hard work in making this happen.

Shop Window

The dates for our display in the shop window on Pinstone Street have now been changed. The display will now be set up on Friday, March 4th and will last for 4 weeks. Although we have chosen the window we want (about 4 shops along from the corner opposite Debenham's), this may change, so do wander along the green painted shop fronts and find us!

Volunteer Social

A good time was had by all who joined us at The Fat Cat just before Christmas. We now intend to hold regular Volunteer Socials starting on Tuesday, March 1st from 7.30 – 9 pm at The Sheaf. These socials are open to current volunteers and those who want to get involved. It will be a chance for all volunteers to meet up and find out how the projects are progressing, what roles volunteers play in ensuring the projects progress, and meet like minded people. We also intend to have relevant presentations at some of these events.

Volunteer roles

We are currently looking for someone to organise events. We might soon need someone to help with our communications via facebook and twitter.

Jordan Dam Latest

Work continues on finalising the planning application. This includes a desk study to review any potential contaminated land issues associated with the site. Discussions continue with the Environment Agency regarding the abstraction application; these have been delayed slightly pending an update to the environmental assessment.

Kelham Island Latest

The planning application has been submitted and can be viewed on the council's website - application no. 10/03826/full. We are now in a period of consultation after which the council will come to its decision. As with Jordan Dam we are talking to the Environment Agency about abstraction issues and the environmental assessment. We have also had further planning sessions to continue work clearing out the goit with the aim of preparing the way for another flow test later in the year. If you like messing about in water and getting muddy, contact cariad@sheffieldrenewables.org.uk to be kept informed about this work.

European Funding

Good progress on our capital fund raising. We are through to the next phase of a large European funding bid, which we hope will provide the grant component of both Kelham Island and Jordan Dam projects. There is a lot of work needed now to draft and finalise the more detailed documents required to support the bid.

Share Offer 2011

In parallel with the grant application, we are gearing up to run and promote our share offer through 2011. Our intention is to run this in two phases. Firstly, an initial offer during the spring which, rather like our offer last year, will be targeted at people who have already expressed an interest in

investing. This will pave the way to a full public offer in the second half of the year. We have a raft of activities and initiatives planned to help attract investors and we will be using our new easy to use website and blog to keep everybody informed.

Events

Our **AGM** is on Wednesday, February 16th at 7 pm in the city centre. New directors will be elected and new members welcomed. Supporters are welcome to attend, but places are limited and we need to know numbers attending in advance. If you want to come along, please email jean@sheffieldrenewables.org.uk by Friday, February 11th.

Sheffield Environment Weeks – we shall be having a stall in the town centre at the **Launch Day** on Saturday, April 23rd. Do pop along and see us if you are in town that day.

Site Tour for potential investors. Saturday, May 7th. Tour by mini bus of the Jordan Dam and Kelham Island sites, followed by lunch and a tour of South Yorkshire Energy Centre.

Open Day – Sunday, May 8th. We will have a display at South Yorkshire Energy Centre from 11am to 3 pm as part of Environment Weeks.

Peace in the Park – Saturday, June 4th. We shall be having a stall as usual at this event on the Ponderosa. If you are free to help staff the stall, please contact jean@sheffieldrenewables.org.uk