

Sustainable Penwith Workshop 25.9.04

Saturday 25th September 2004 9.30am – 4.15pm

Committee Rooms Penwith District Council offices, St. Clare,
(At rear of PDC buildings - go down past the Planning office and around the back)

This is the first of our workshops. We will be focusing on the future of the group, build relationships, and increase our understanding of the importance of sustainability, in order to develop local community indicators that are meaningful and relevant to Penwith's future for the next 25 years plus. Oh and we hope to have fun too, so it would be great if you could join us. Your presence will make a difference. In the future we will continue to develop themes whilst raising awareness about the sustainability of Penwith both for Sustainable Penwith members and the public.

Please RSVP by Sept 10th. This would be very helpful, to allow for the collation of the required number of information packs. These will include relevant topic reports and other useful information.

There is no defined tea / coffee breaks as participants are welcome to help themselves to drinks throughout the day.

- 9.30am Collect / scan through individual packs, 'check out' information around the room.
Complete informal getting to know each other exercise
- 10.00am Welcome and introductions - Justin Olosundé, Chair, Sustainable Penwith
Brief feedback from the exercise, our links with each other – Crystal Wakefield
- 10.30am MISSION STATEMENT – Facilitators, Sarah Kind/ Beccy Trahair, WCCN
Creating our mission statement based on our core values and ethos; defining our uniqueness, and aligning our purpose and vision.
- 12.15pm SUSTAINABILITY -Karen Clowes, Sustainable Communities Officer, Penwith District Council
Talk on sustainable communities and definitions of terms used to describe sustainability, including an interactive session, which will help to draw out what is the basis of a sustainable community here in Penwith. It will establish a background to the afternoon session, when we begin to look at developing local sustainability indicators.
- 1.15pm Shared lunch. Potluck. Please bring food to share, and your own plate knife/fork/spoon
- 2.00pm A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS – Crystal Wakefield
Presentation, interactive and small group session. The latter to be led by our invited guest facilitators. We will explore how we can define the interrelationships among sustainability issues in Penwith, which are often considered separate. We will focus on developing local community sustainability indicators that are about strengths, not problems, looking to the future rather than dwelling on the past.
- 3.15pm SUMMATION SESSION - France Truscott, Treasurer, Sustainable Penwith
Finalising and evaluating our indicators.
- 4.00pm Close – Justin Olosundé, Chair, Sustainable Penwith

Biographies

JUSTIN OLOSUNDÉ – Justin is a self employed environmental consultant, providing environmental management advice to the business, public and not-for-profit sectors, he is an accredited environmental auditor and possesses professional memberships with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment and the Institution of Environmental Sciences. Justin holds a masters degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Leicester and an honours degree in chemistry-with-physics from King's College, University of London and has a background in scientific and business research spanning 15 years. Justin is the current Chair of Sustainable Penwith and our representative on the Environment, Heritage and Culture Sub-Group of West Cornwall Together (the local strategic partnership for Penwith and Kerrier). He is also in a personal capacity a member of the South West Regional Flood Defence Committee.

BECCY TRAHAIR – Beccy works as the Penwith Inter-Link Development Worker as part of the West Cornwall Community Network Team. She has a degree in Youth and Community work and good experience working at a grass roots level supporting community and voluntary organisations develop their skills, knowledge and expertise.

KAREN CLOWES – Karen has a first class honours degree in Environmental and Earth Sciences. She spent one and a half years at the Camborne School of Mines researching modelling the hydrological impact of climate change. Since February 2003 Karen has been working at Penwith District Council as Sustainable Communities Officer. In this role Karen leads the Council's corporate response to sustainability by developing projects in the wider community and across the authority to improve the quality of life in Penwith. Karen works with local businesses, voluntary organisations, community groups, the Youth Forum, Sustainable Penwith and other interested parties to encourage partnerships to secure social, economic and environmental gains. Karen is Chair of the Marine Energy Sub-Group of the Renewable Energy Task Group of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership and is Penwith's responsible officer for the Environment, Heritage and Culture Sub-Group of West Cornwall Together (the local strategic partnership for Penwith and Kerrier).

CRYSTAL WAKEFIELD – Crystal is currently a volunteer with Community Energy Plus and the Acorn. She is also involved in exploring a community owned renewable energy project for Pendeen, where she lives. She has had two careers, the first in social work in child and family teams, in hospital, mental health and in adult services. The second was in adult basic skills education with Link into Learning in St Just and Penzance. Followed by a brief stint as a lecturer at Cornwall College. Crystal has an MSc in Social Policy, a Certificate Qualification in Social Work (CQSW), and a City and Guilds Initial Certificate in Teaching Basic Skills literacy and innumeracy.

FRANCES TRUSCOTT – Frances is the regeneration consultant in Future Perspectives Co-operative Ltd, a West Cornwall based sustainable development consultancy. She has had a longstanding interest and involvement in environmental issues both locally and globally.

Frances was also one of the group that founded the Cornwall-based Digital Peninsula Network and is involved in a number of social enterprises in Cornwall. Working in regeneration in ex Soviet transition countries she has supported groups of women in business, and helped health and housing groups produce credible business plans that gained investment, in very challenging conditions.

In all these activities she uses the skills and knowledge of a qualified management accountant, having an MBA and having spent 12 years in industry, working in a variety of organisations as well as her wealth of experience in education and training. She has also trained as a council guide with Eham Institute, an organisation working to enhance balance and wholeness.

Facilitators

IAN SMITH – Ian holds a BSc in Environment and Development and a Diploma in Management. He previously worked in the classical music industry before re-training in energy efficiency five years ago.

Ian is the Managing Director of Community Energy Plus (CEP), a registered charity and not for profit company. He was the sole employee in 1997. There are now 12 members of staff based at its offices in Camborne. CEP operates the Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, The Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership and manages fuel poverty/energy efficiency grant schemes on behalf of local authorities and utility companies.

Ian also sits on the national Energy Efficiency Partnership for homes and the steering committee of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

Away from work, Ian has a half share of on a small-holding near Sancreed which is slowly being converted to coppice, woodland and wild-flower meadow.

PAUL BRIGHT – Paul is Chief Executive and also Honorary Secretary of Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust. CSBT was established in December 2002 to raise awareness and minimise the impacts of construction on the Cornish and Global environment. It aims to achieve a state where all parties are working towards the common aim of sustainability.

He is a BRE EcoHomes Assessor and a Graduate Environmental Scientist, with over thirty years experience in the construction industry. Paul is also a qualified further education instructor, currently lecturing p/t for Cornwall College on the BTEC National Certificate Construction course. CSBT is also leading on a Traditional and Sustainable Skills course for which Paul has responsibility and is coordinating. He has also run his own successful building and joinery firms, and a builder's merchants,

In 2002 Paul carried out the CSBT Feasibility Study, funded by the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA) and a Cornwall consortium of partners. Prior to this he was employed by English Nature as Community Involvement Manager for the Cornwall Heathland Project; during this employment he represented English Nature on both local and national TV and in the press.

ANDY TANNER – Andy has an environmental degree and is an education and sustainability consultant who stages workshops at schools all over Penwith and Cornwall. His work in the **Bears Down Wind Farm 2001** schools programme involved some 2000 pupils. They produced a variety of work ranging from renewable energy gardens, raps, pictures and videos. More recently he visited and worked with 25 primary schools and 3 secondary schools in Penwith for the 'Away with Waste' project, encouraging the re-use and recycling of waste wherever possible. Feedback from pupils and staff in the schools had been extremely positive and the project had been a huge success

Gardeners of Gaia is another initiative, led by Andy Tanner. The gardeners are a voluntary group of local Cornish people with a passion for their local environment. They manage St Levan woodland space.

RALPH OPENSHAW – Ralph is Project Manager of Cornwall Waste Action (CWA), a not-for-profit organisation based in Penzance, but covering the whole of Cornwall. He came into this field of work, after many years working as a carpenter and builder, through first volunteering, and then working for Friends of the Earth. CWA provides support and information to community organisations which help to reduce waste, or which wish to set up projects to that end. They also provide services to local authorities in the areas of waste awareness and monitoring and survey work.