



SWCCIP Newsletter Issue 10: Feb 2008

Welcome to the first e-newsletter for 2008 from the South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP)! The SWCCIP's aim is to investigate, inform and advise on the impacts of climate change in South West England and its main focus is on adapting to climate change.

This newsletter will inform you of climate change news and events in the region and beyond. If you would like to receive SWCCIP newsletters in the future please fill in the subscription / registration form on the front page of the SWCCIP website at: www.oursouthwest.com/climate. If you no longer wish to receive future copies, please email swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk with 'unsubscribe' in the title and your name.

For more information on any of these items or the SWCCIP work, visit www.oursouthwest.com/climate. Apologies for any cross postings.

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Events in Full:



- CST Sustainable Transport Seminars (27 Feb + 6 March 08, Plymouth)

The first two CST seminars mark the start of a high profile seminar series; 'Low cost airlines in Europe: reconciling liberalisation and sustainability' (Feb) and 'Traffic Jam: Britain's 'sustainable' transport policy 10 years on' (March). To attend contact Becky Skinner: cst@plymouth.ac.uk – Please note, places are limited. More information at: www.ssb.plymouth.ac.uk/CST/news.html.

- Local Action on Climate Change Conference (29 Feb 08, Central London)

Capita's 3rd annual Local Action on Climate Change conference is aimed at Local Authority leaders and environmental / sustainability teams. Including information on recent policy developments from Defra and preparing for the impacts of climate change. To book, visit: www.capitaconferences.co.uk. Enquiries to: 020 7808 5252. *Book a 3rd delegate at half price*

- Climate Change and Gloucestershire Business: It's happening so what are you doing about it? (3 March 8am-10am University of Gloucestershire)

A business resilience breakfast workshop looking at business responsibilities and impacts and opportunities of climate change. Presentations from GOSW and SWCCIP Forum member Phil Harding, and Gerry Metcalf of UKCIP who will guide delegates through the Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool (BACLIAT). Free to attend but booking essential. For more information view the flyer at <http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate/080303-CCevent-at-Gloucestershire-University-3March2008-flyer.pdf> or email: gen@glos.ac.uk

- UKCIP08 Pre-Launch Workshop (4 March 08, Manley House, Environment Agency)

The UK 21st Century Climate Scenarios 2008 (UKCIP08), will be launched in October 08 as the most comprehensive package of climate information to be made available for the UK to date. The pre-launch workshop at Manley House, Exeter is invite only, but if you are interested in future UKCIP08 workshops in the South West, please contact SWCCIP at: swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk For more information visit: www.ukcip.org.uk/scenarios/ukcip08/documents/UKCIP08bookletfinal.pdf

- Climate Change Condensed (6 March 08 6-9pm, Cheltenham - University of Gloucestershire, The Park Campus, Room TC208A and TC208B)

The Climate Outreach & Information Network (COIN) has created a new all you need to know course on climate change. For further information contact Rebecca Dobson, Vision 21, office@vision21.org.uk, 01242 224321. Cost: £12 (individuals); £24 (charities & local authorities); £49 (business). Places are limited and booking is required.



- Bid for Seal-Hayne: 'Make It Happen Event' (7 March 08, Ashburton Town Hall)

"The drive behind this campaign to convert Seale-Hayne into a Climate Change Solutions Centre has that simple idea at its heart. So why don't you help make it happen!" – Jonathon Porritt. Show your support at Ashburton Town Hall for an evening of great poets, music and speakers, including the folk band 'Seize the Day'. For details and to book, visit: www.climatechangecentre.co.uk or call 01364 652043.

- Low Carbon Innovation Exchange (11 March 08, Bristol)

The RDA is sponsoring a Low Carbon Innovation Exchange with an eye to helping organisations reduce their carbon emissions. See: www.carbon-innovation.com/bristol.php

- 'Sustaining a Successful Brand' SW Marketing Forum Chartered Institute of Marketing (3 April 08, University of West of England Business School)

The SW Marketing Forum annual conference this year covers Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainable Development and Climate Change in relation to brand and marketing. Highlights

include keynote speaker John Elkington (SustainAbility) and a workshop focusing on the unique joint CIM, Horizon SW and SWCCIP Marketing and Climate Change programme; with information on the Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool (BACLIAT). Booking essential, with early bird prices available until 29th February. For more information contact: cimevents@cim.co.uk tel: 01628 427120.

www.cim.co.uk/NewsAndEvents/Events/EventDetails.aspx?ObjectID=17447

- 'Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change – Practical ways for implementing and mainstreaming your carbon reduction strategy' (13 May 08, Central London)

Adaptation and mitigation are on the agenda at the conference organised by *Local Government Chronicle* and *New Local Government Network* with key note speakers including Hilary Benn, MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For further details, visit: www.lgcandlgn-climatechange.co.uk or call 0845 056 8341 – Please note, places are booking up fast!

SWCCIP:

- SWCCIP network reshuffle: Which sector are you interested in

Tell us which SWCCIP sector group/s you are interested in via the subscription form on the SWCCIP website and receive specific adaptation information: www.oursouthwest.com/climate

- LA Adaptation Research of South West Local Authorities

A SW Local Authority climate change action study, conducted by SWCCIP, will be available for download on the SWCCIP website this Spring 08. For more information, contact Emily O'Connor at: emily.o'connor@environment-agency.gov.uk

- SWCCIP Adaptation case study database

Want to know more about organisations adapting to climate change? SWCCIP has summarised some adaptation case studies which now feature on our website: www.oursouthwest.com/climate/archive/archive.htm#general

Regional News:

- South West Climate Change Action Plan (SWCCAP)

The draft South West Climate Change Action Plan Stakeholder consultation will take place in May. For more information on the CCAP, visit the Regional Assembly website: www.southwest-ra.gov.uk

- Young South West Climate Change Champion winner

Shirley Halse, 15, from Chippenham is the national 2008 Young Climate Change Champion for the South west. Shirley will spend a year 'in office' communicating her climate change ideas, take part in a European fact finding mission and meet senior Government Ministers. Visit: www.oursouthwest.com/climate/champion/index.htm and www.climatechallenge.gov.uk

- South West C+ Carbon Positive Awards 2008

The South West of England Regional Development Agency, Business in the Community and Sustainability South West joined forces to develop the Carbon Positive Awards, launched on 14th Jan 08 - a region wide award scheme recognising proactive low carbon approaches. Deadline to apply: 10th March. The awards ceremony will take place on 1st May 08 in Exeter:

www.bitc.org.uk/what_we_do/where_we_work/south_west/get_involved/carbon_positive.html



- UKCIP08 Observed Trends

Looking at how climate change currently affects our everyday lives in the UK, the UKCIP08 trends is the first in a series of reports under the umbrella of the UK 21st Century Climate Change Scenarios (known as UKCIP08). The report now includes regional scientific information.

The UKCIP08 Observed Trends report can be found at:
www.ukcip.org.uk/climate_impacts/ukciP08_Trends.asp

- Live Flood Warnings

The Environment Agency provides flood warnings online 24 hours a day. The information is updated every 15 minutes. Visit: www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/floodwarning

National News:

- Health Effects of Climate Change in the UK 2008 (12 Feb 08)

The Health Protection Agency and the Department of Health published a report on the possible health effects of climate change in the UK (12 Feb 08); 'By 2012 there will be a 1 in 40 chance that the South East of England will experience a serious heat wave causing 3,000 immediate heat-related deaths'. Full report at:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_080702

- Launch of 'Your Home in a Changing Climate: Retrofitting Existing Homes for Climate Change Impacts' (26th Feb 08, City Hall, Greater London by invitation only)

The Three Regions Climate Change Group commissioned Arup to analyse how we can adapt our homes to the impacts of climate change, in particular the increasing risk of flooding, water scarcity and overheating. The report will be launched by Joan Ruddock Minister for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Waste, and will be available online following the launch.

- Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership 07- 08 Annual Report Card

MCCIP recently launched an annual report card to summarize the state of current knowledge on the impacts of climate change on the marine environment. The report brings together expert knowledge from 60 leading scientists over 29 institutes. MCCIP welcome your views on the card at their online questionnaire: www.mccip.org.uk/arc/2007/contacts.htm View the online report card at: www.mccip.org.uk/briefingsARC.html.



- 'Future Water': DEFRA's Water Strategy for England (7 Feb 08)

The strategy recognises that with our need to adapt to climate change, we need to reduce our water consumption and use water more sustainably. Download strategy at:

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/strategy/index.htm

Defra also launched a report on 'Improving Surface Water Drainage' (7 Feb 08) which is downloadable at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/water-drainage/index.htm

- Scottish Climate Change Bill Consultation

Scottish Government has launched consultation on Proposals for a Scottish Climate Change Bill including: setting a target for reducing emissions by 2050; setting interim targets and reporting; providing for a source of independent advice and monitoring and creating provisions to reduce emissions or adapt to climate change. Deadline: Wed, April 23, 2008:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/01/28100005/0

- LGA Climate Change Report (Dec 07)

Last December 2007, The Local Government Association's Independent Climate Change Commission published the first authoritative investigation into how well councils are helping reduce the effects of, and combat, global warming. The report critically evaluates local government's track record on climate change and makes recommendations for how the local government response must be improved, through mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Full report at: <http://campaigns.lga.gov.uk/climatechange/home>

International News:



- 'All Change: Adapting to the Consequences of Climate Change' by Sarah Hendel-Blackford and Martin Broderick (Miners Journal, p.28-29, Oct 07)

The inevitable impacts of climate change will increase significantly for the mining industry on a global scale. This article, by Martin Broderick and SWCCIP member Sarah Hendel-Blackford, urges the mining industry to address and adapt to consequences of climate change, including droughts and melting glaciers. Full article (p.28-29) at:

www.mining-journal.com/mem_magazine/pdf/MEM0710scr.pdf

- '11th Hour Action': Film by Leonardo DiCaprio (UK release: 15 Feb 08)

Over 50 of the worlds most prominent thinkers and activists document the grave problems facing our planets life systems in a new film, produced, written and fronted by Leonardo DiCaprio (released in the UK on February 15 08): www.11thhouraction.com

- 'Managing the unavoidable: understanding the investment implications of adapting to climate change' (Jan 08: Insight/USS/Henderson/RAILPEN)

Four institutional investors – Henderson Global Investors, Insight Investment, RAILPEN Investments and the Universities Superannuation Scheme – initiated a research project to identify how companies and their investors are likely to be affected by the impacts of climate change, focusing on: electric utilities, oil & gas, real estate and water utilities: www.responsible-investor.com/resource/research_page/managing_the_unavoidable_understanding_the_investment_implications_of_adapt/

- The Met Office on La Nina

Read about the effects of La Nina on UK Winter weather at: www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/hadleycentre/news/lanina.html

- Met Office Global Average Temperatures

Observed global average temperatures, ordered in rank of warmest first, can be seen at: www.metoffice.gov.uk/corporate/pressoffice/myths/figures.html#warmest

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