

# GREENSPACE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL FORUM



## UPDATE January 2011

Dear Colleagues,



Happy New Year – I trust everyone is relaxed and ready to get back to work!

So let's hit the ground running...

### LOCALISM BILL

All 431 pages of the Localism Bill have been published and posted online; for those who fancy some light bedtime reading follow this [link](#). A more concise document, 'Decentralisation and the Localism Bill; an essential guide' can be found [here](#).

The repercussions of this are being digested across various sectors; and the planners at Mid-Sussex District Council have produced a briefing note, specific to the area but with useful information, this can be found [here](#).

### REQUEST FOR CASE STUDIES

To accompany our 'Blue Sky Green Space' advocacy document, GreenSpace is asking for specific case studies of parks or environmental projects. The projects need to demonstrate specific (or a number of specific) actual benefits and explain how these have been achieved, developed, what they have brought to communities, elderly, youths, environment etc.

Case studies are required to have a short description (200-250 word), with ideally a high resolution picture. To discuss any excellent examples from our region please contact Kelly Caulfield, Marketing and Communications Manager, on 0118 946 9066 or email her and she'll be in touch, on [kellyc@green-space.org.uk](mailto:kellyc@green-space.org.uk).

Follow this [link](#) for further information about GreenLINK and the publication, 'Blue Sky Green Space'.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

New guidance has been issued by the group, Planning and Climate Change Coalition, to provide guidance and model policies for local authorities. The publication, 'Planning for Climate Change', specifically mentions the role of green infrastructure in "bringing together crucial considerations of biodiversity, heat, water, healthy living and transport needs to create environments in which people will want to live and work in the future." Recommended policy wording further highlights the importance of multi-functional green spaces and green roofs across urban areas. The document can be downloaded [here](#).



We are also pleased to announce that GreenSpace is supporting **Climate Week** a national campaign which takes place between 21-27 March. This is being advertised online and within our newsletters. We will soon be sending out ideas encouraging climate change events within parks during the week and also community groups to enter the awards, which we would ask for you to circulate and encourage. For further information you can view the website [here](http://www.climateweek.com): <http://www.climateweek.com>.

Furthermore, the DCLG has invited local authorities to consult their communities for the Sustainable Communities Act, inviting local people for ideas to improve their local areas. To access the letter follow this link: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/scainvitation2010>.

## GSSE SATISFACTION SURVEY

Thanks to those of you who have already replied to our satisfaction survey – your comments are invaluable. This information will help GSSE deliver better services for the region. To complete the survey follow this link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSSESatisfactionSurvey2010\\_11](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSSESatisfactionSurvey2010_11).

## REGENERATION POLICY

The Centre for Cities has published a document calling for regeneration policies to be reviewed. The document, which can be downloaded [here](#), calls for policy-makers to learn from existing programmes and understand the movements of populations, and the context, to tailor regeneration projects to their areas.

## EVENTS

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 1-4 pm**

### **BALI South Thames AGM**

**Organiser:** BALI South Thames

**Location:** Kew Gardens, London

**Contact:** Nick Coslett, BALI South Thames Chair, Palmstead Nursery

The South Thames BALI region are organising their AGM at Kew this month. Thanks to Kew generosity they have managed to secure a talk from Tony Kirkham and a visit to the tree top walkway as well as access into Kew. As members of the landscape industry you are most welcome to join BALI members for Tony's talk and the tour. However you will have to leave before the gates close and we start our AGM at 16.00. State you are BALI members attending the BALI event for free access (thanks RBG Kew). The tour begins at 13:00 at Jodrell Theatre.

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 1-4 pm**

### **Income generation for community projects**

**Organiser:** Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens

**Location:** Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmith's Row, London, E2 8QA

**Contact:** Kirstie Mogilner on 020 7485 5001 or email [kirstie@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:kirstie@farmgarden.org.uk)

Sustainable funding is a major concern for community projects. Diversifying your income makes your project more resilient. At this afternoon session you will learn from experienced practitioners how income is generated from successful social enterprises on community projects.

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### **SUDS Foundation**

**Organiser:** CIRIA

**Location:** Classic House, 174-180 Old Street, London, EC1V 9BP

**Contact:** [www.ciria.org](http://www.ciria.org)

The Flood and Water Management Act highlights the role that SUDS can make in managing local flood risk with proposals to make SUDs a requirement in new developments. The training programme will enable practitioners to efficiently plan, design, construct and manage SUDs schemes.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, 9am-5:30pm**

### **Sustainable Development 2011: Harnessing the energy of communities**

**Organiser:** Public Service Events

**Location:** The Barbican, London

**Contact:** [Event information](#)

The sixth annual Sustainable Development conference, aims to promote the efficient use of resources and explore how sustainable initiatives can not only improve our quality of life but also deliver cost savings.

## FINAL WORD...

This year we are planning to provide further Heritage Lottery Fund surgeries, Green Flag Award demonstration days and master classes – watch this space for more details. We always welcome any queries or suggestions that you have out there.

We have already have confirmation from many to renew or take up membership of GSSE for 2011/12 – thanks for your support. To help fund our work please join as members; contact Sue Spencer, Membership Administrator, on 0118 946 9069 or email [sues@green-space.org.uk](mailto:sues@green-space.org.uk).

Kind regards,

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