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1. HOLSWORTHY BIOGAS FINDS NEW OWNERS

Summerleaze, a company with over 20 landfill gas operations around the UK, is the new owner of the biogas plant in Holsworthy which went into receivership in January. The company have kept the plant in operation, re-employed 12 of the existing staff at the plant and committed to investing at least £1.4 million in upgrades at the site. The company are hoping to increase the proportion of food waste taken by the plant, but it will continue to use at least 50% slurry. Peter Prior, Managing Director of Summerleaze has said that he is committed to demonstrating community benefit from the plant and is exploring new ways of using the output from the plant to heat properties in the nearby industrial estate. He said that he hopes to use the plant as an exemplar for Anaerobic Digestion, with the aim of rolling out 2 or 3 other plants in the UK over the next few years. Summerleaze are currently constructing a small experimental AD plant near Cambridge. For more information on the company see <http://www.summerleaze.co.uk/>

2. SOMERSET LAUNCHES SCHOOLS RE PROGRAMME

South Somerset District council has established the 'Windy Schools Programme' encouraging the installation of small and medium size turbines using money from the Clear Skies Programme. Stancheater community school at Stoke-sub-Hammond, has expressed interest in a 50MWW turbine which would be 70ft tall. The headteacher estimates that it could save the school between £7000 and £8000 a year on electricity bills, meaning that within 5 years the savings made could be invested in new resources for the school. Similar turbines have already been installed at schools in Co Durham, North Yorkshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire. A turbine For more information on the windy schools programme contact Keith Wheaton-Green on keith.wheaton-green@southsomerset.gov.uk.

3. SW COMPANIES DIRECTORY GOES LIVE

Regen SW has launched a new searchable company database that currently holds the first tranche of around 50 Regen SW member companies or organisations and their details. Listing in the directory is free and entries can be edited directly by the company through a password protected administration page. Listing is free and application to be listed can be made on line. The company directory is at <http://www.regensw.co.uk/advice/bus-dircompanies.asp> . If you have any questions please contact Chloë Bardolf-Smith at Regen SW. cbsmith@regensw.co.uk

4. CORNWALL COUNCIL WINS BIG ENERGY AWARD

All of Cornwall's County, District, Borough and the Isles of Scilly councils are today being represented in Westminster at an award celebration at which government ministers will present them with Beacon Council Status for Sustainable Energy

This is the first time this award has been given any local authority and this 'joint' award places Cornwall's Councils as one of the Leaders in Energy Efficiency, Fuel Poverty and Renewable Energy Programmes in the UK. www.csep.co.uk/page32g.html

5. DEVON PUBLISHES CLIMATE STRATEGY

Following sign up by the Council to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, a strategy setting out Devon County's response to climate change has been published for consultation. The main goal of the strategy is *'to put in place effective and timely measures both at corporate and community level to address the causes and impacts of climate change in Devon'*. This includes a commitment to provide opportunities for the development of renewable energy generation within Devon and recommend an emissions reduction target, with measures to reduce the community emissions of greenhouse gases. For more information contact Ian Bateman at climatechange@devon.gov.uk .

6. CSE RENEWABLES COURSE

The objective of the course is to improve participants' knowledge of household and community scale renewable energy systems. Renewable Energy Essentials in Plymouth, 28 June 2005 For further details contact Kirsty Millar on:

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or go to: <http://www.cse.org.uk/cgi-bin/training.cgi>

7. REGEN SW MEMBER COMPANIES HEAD FOR LONDON EXHIBITION

A group of nine Regen SW member companies will be exhibiting at the Clean Energy Technology & Investment Show to be held at the Building Design Centre in London on 5-7 May. The main themes of the show are renewable energy, alternative fuels and transport. Regen SW has taken a large stand and offered space on it to member companies at a greatly reduced price. The conference associated with the show will be opened by Mike O'Brien, Minister of Energy and sessions will be chaired by Philip Wolfe of the RPA, Jonathan Johns of E&Y in Exeter, and Anthony White of Climate Change Capital.

Details are at www.clean-energy-expo.com . For information on Regen SW's involvement please contact Chloë Bardolf-Smith at Regen SW cbsmith@regensw.co.uk

8. IS ENERGY THE CINDERELLA OF REGENERATION?

CSEP's 2005 conference and workshops will address the opportunity and prioritisation of sustainable energy programmes in both urban and rural community regeneration. The CSEP conference will take place on 11 July 2005 at Penryn, Cornwall. Delegate fee - £25, Conference Dinner - £25 per person.

For further information visit: www.csep.co.uk/page59g.html or contact Katy on Tel: 01209 614974

9. RENEWABLE FUTURES CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION DATES SET

The Renewable Futures Conference 2005 will take place on 16 November at the Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare. The exhibition will be on a larger scale than last year and more time will be available for visiting exhibitors and for networking. Booking forms for exhibitors will be available soon but an email expressing interest in exhibiting is invited and may be sent now to admin@regensw.co.uk.

10. REGEN SW SEEKS NEW COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT

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Regen SW is looking for a dynamic individual to help make the South West a leader in renewable energy. The successful applicant will develop proactive media relations, market the SW RE industry, and help deliver a public affairs program that increases political leadership on green energy.

For further information go to: www.regensw.co.uk or contact Chloë Bardolf-Smith on Tel: 01392 229 394 Email: cbsmith@regensw.co.uk

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