

Regional Eco Schools Partnership Notes
The EWE Centre
Friday 2nd February 10am



North
East
Strategic
Partnership for
Sustainable
Schools

Present

Rich Hurst (RH), Averil Newsam (AN), Andrea Bishop (AB), Alistair Wilson (AW)
Steve Ashton (SA), Paula Jamieson (PJ), Donna Mear (DM), Stephen Beresford (SB),
Dawn Raw (DR), Jonathon Green (JG)

Apologies

Mike Tones, Lorna Blenkinsop, Frances Hinton, Clare Ross, Susan Stewart, Kay Mills, Jackie Stevens, Brian Yule, Simon Graham, Ben Grant, Pam Lovell, Gloria Pearson, Nichola Ramshaw and Claire Fairclough.

- Today's meeting is to collate a skeleton of activities in the North East ready for the North East's Year of Action, and the Year of Food and Farming (July 2007-08)
- The final version of Sustainable Schools has not been produced by DfES, not sure if one will be.
- RH handed out some Year of Food and Farming information for everyone
- RH has a meeting with the NE Chair of the Food and Farming Strategy who is likely to take a lead in the region. He will report back to this meeting.
- The Teachernet website now has the general Sustainable Schools Flyer. RH will be adding this to our regional website as a PDF in the documents section.
- The above has also produced an assembly's guide for schools. This is also available to download and RH will again add it to the regional website.

Activities currently happening for the Year of Action:

- Action Research with WWF
- Forest School Training in April 2007 at Hamsterley Forest.
- Rural Dimension of Specialist Schools.
- Proposal from Newcastle - AW will talk about later
- Training from The EWE Centre - SGDP/Outdoor learning
- Groundwork - Green Check - across the region
- The big Regional Sustainable Schools Conference on 01/02 November 2007.
- 3M - competition on Leek growing in Durham and Darlington
- Creative Partnerships Outdoor Learning Research Project

The meeting then listed other ideas on a flip chart which has been listed on a monthly basis in the attached document

- RH discussed the new IT Share-point system coming soon to the EWE Centre.
- AN mentioned the Association of Citizenship Teaching Conference on 11th June 2007 at Ushaw College, Durham. Attendance costs £150, but people running a workshop would get a reduced rate. Workshops will run for 45 minutes and anyone interested in running a workshop please email Averil on a.newsam100@durhamlea.org.uk. Regional examples of work can also be displayed at this conference. The deadline is 13th February.
- RH asked if anyone had contact information for any leek clubs in the Durham and Darlington areas, to please contact him as soon as possible, so far RH has had difficulty sourcing any, contact r.hurst100@durhamlea.org.uk

Date of the next meetings

- Thursday 26th April at 10am at the EWE Centre
- Thursday 19th July at 10.30am at The EWE Centre
- Thursday 20th September at 10.30 am at the EWE Centre.