

Biographies of witnesses attending on 10th June 2009

Graham Tubb MBE, Head of Energy Policy with SEEDA, the Regional Development Agency for South East England.

He has a background in sustainable development, environmental policy & strategic planning at regional, metropolitan and county level; while his career has been mainly in the public sector, it has included private sector and academic appointments (incl. University of Sussex)

Graham is a member of the Executive Committee of Climate South East, and was Chair from 2002 until October 2008; he also chairs the national Sustainable Consumption and Production Network (SCPnet). He managed the national RDA policy lead on Energy on behalf of England's nine Regional Development Agencies for 5 years (until Jan 2009) and in this role represented the RDAs on a number of Government bodies, mainly concerning energy and climate change. Graham was made an MBE in 2000 for services to regional governance and he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts

Christine D'Cruz Director of Business Development Residential and SME Markets EDF Energy

Christine D'Cruz is Director of Business Development in the Residential and SME Markets for EDF Energy. Christine's remit includes delivering EDF Energy's Carbon Emission Reduction Target (CERT) of 19.3mtC and developing the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP) due to commence later this year. Christine is also responsible for developing a portfolio of low carbon products and services. This includes electric vehicle charging, heat pumps and creating energy efficient homes.

She is a professional marketer and business director having held director positions in marketing and commercial management at American Express, Elf Gas & Power, and Standard Chartered Bank. Christine was also a Senior Lecturer in Marketing at the University of Brighton and holds an MA in Marketing.

Christine is Chair of The Basement Arts Production, a Trustee of The Martlets Hospice and a member of the Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership. She has previously been a Parent Governor of Cardinal Newman School.

She lives in central Brighton and is married with two sons, Alexander and Dominic.

Maria Antoniou, Development Manager, Friends Centre

Maria Antoniou is Development Manager at Friends Centre, an independent adult education centre which delivers courses throughout Brighton and Hove. Each year, we provide a place for around 1,600 people from diverse backgrounds to learn together in a welcoming and supportive environment. Our work is designed to:

- Help people achieve their aspirations and meet the challenges they face;
- Stimulate community interest and civic involvement;
- Promote tolerance, social justice and international understanding.

Friends Centre is particularly known for its ability to engage with people who would not normally consider learning, including younger adults, people from minority ethnic communities, those with mental health needs or learning disabilities and homeless people.

Friends Centre is moving to the landmark One Brighton building later this year and, from early 2010, will be launching a new programme of environmentally themed courses based on the One Planet Living principles (these ten principles are guiding the development of One Brighton). We are planning to introduce 'green jobs' training, particularly focusing on green building and retrofit skills. We are currently in discussion with BioRegional regarding joint design and delivery of these courses.

Martin Grimshaw, Transition Brighton and Hove

Martin is a member of The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), Green Economics Institute and who has a PgDip in Environmental Assessment and Management, will attend as **the co-ordinator of Transition Brighton & Hove's Livelihoods2020 group**. Livelihoods2020 is part of the wider Transition Towns movement, an initiative born 4 years ago in Devon which has now exploded into an international phenomenon, now in 30 countries and growing. There is a regular Transition Town storyline in Radio 4's The Archers and The Transition Handbook was the 5th most popular read among MPs during their summer recess last year. It is an attempt to mobilise communities to rise to the challenges posed by Climate Change and Peak Oil by planning their own energy descent and shifting to a low carbon future, less reliant on petrochemicals and less vulnerable to economic and other shocks, while building community, personal, economic and ecological resilience, promoting well-being and improving the ability of communities to meet their needs from local resources.

Livelihoods2020 group is interested in supporting the local economy and issues related to work and money. Currently members give their time for free, while we are raising awareness and looking to develop projects and revenue streams. We have been organising public discussions, film screenings, disseminating information and literature, nurturing and incubating projects,

organising training and workshops. We are interested in community sourced and directed investment, complementary currency and exchange systems, supporting new and existing sustainable businesses, harvesting visions of positive futures. Above all, we want to see a sustainable and vibrant community and economy.

Vernice Halligan, Head of Employer Engagement & Michael Buckman, Curriculum Manager, City College Brighton and Hove

Vernice Halligan sits on the senior management team as Head of Employer Engagement at City College Brighton and Hove. This is a relatively new role and encompasses management of the college's International Business, Apprenticeships, Train to Gain, Employer Engagement, Marketing as well managing the curriculum areas of Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Engineering and Catering and Hospitality. Vernice has been on the College's senior management team for 6 years and previously spent 15 years working in the telecoms industry primarily in marketing, communications and engineering roles.

She is interested in learning about new developments in environmental technology and construction methods and any planned investments in Brighton and Hove so that the College is prepared and positioned to deliver the required training for the local workforce.

Vernice will be accompanied by Michael Buckman, Curriculum Manager for Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Engineering and Catering and Hospitality. Michael is an experienced teacher and manager of education design and delivery.



Steve Charter

SC2 Sustainability Consultancy, Director

Steve Charter worked for Leicester Environment City (Environ) from 1993-95 where he was responsible for establishing one of the first comprehensive agenda 21 strategies. Then between 1998 and 2003 proposed, designed and helped implement the **UK's first local sustainable construction strategy**, for South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council (2000) and proposed and helped establish the Somerset Trust for Sustainable Development (est. 2000, now Ecos Trust) – **the first Development Trust in the UK focused on sustainable construction**, delivering education, training and information, and undertaking pioneering eco-housing developments, as STSD's Planning and Research Director from 2000-2003). Since 2005 as Director of SC2 Sustainability Consultancy Steve has led work on significant **sustainable construction skills centre projects** in the Kent Thames Gateway (SusCon) and in Yorkshire for Kirklees Council – both securing major capital funding. During the work with Kent Steve was also directly involved with developing **the UK's first SFI (Sustainable Futures Industries) sector development strategy**, working within a consultancy team led by Era Ltd.

Relevant work managed and delivered by Steve includes:

2008-current – Kirklees Council - Detailed vision, Outline Business Plan and stakeholder engagement for Yorkshire Centre for Sustainable Buildings and Yorkshire Sustainable Buildings Champions programme, with Reasons To Be Cheerful. Kirklees have also asked them to develop a proposal for a 2 year training, competence and capacity building covering all aspects of sustainable buildings, both new build and existing buildings, including all key professional and staff groups.

2005-08 – Kent County Council – SusCon - concept development, project advancement and training lead for a major new sustainable construction centre in the Kent Thames Gateway, to be opened 2010 with £4mn public investment now secured. Involving needs analysis and recommendations for optimal skills programme, covering training for all technical, trade and professional areas involved in sustainable buildings, as well as specifying the key physical components of the training centre.

BA (Hons) Economics & Geography

MA Environmental Planning (RTPI Approved) – including course prize for Excellence in Examinations

Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design

Expertise in:

Local and Regional Sustainability Strategies
Sustainable Buildings Skills Centres & Regional Skills Programmes
Sustainable Communities Strategies
Sustainability & Regeneration Strategy
Sustainable Futures Industries (SFI) Sector Development Strategy
Design & Specification of Pioneering Sustainability Projects
Education for Sustainability
Social Enterprise for Sustainable Development

Major Clients:

Kirklees Council
Kent County Council
South Somerset Partnership (District & County Councils)