



# Annual General Meeting 2010

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# Action 21 AGM

25 November 2010

## Agenda

1. Attendance & Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last AGM.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chair's Report.
5. Financial Report.
6. Questions from the audience.
7. Election of Trustees.
8. AOB.
9. Date of next meeting.

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## Chair's Report



**This has been an amazing year**

- our flagship project at Dobson lane achieved national media coverage and since 31<sup>st</sup> July people have been working on plots.
- We've seen a continuing increase in tonnage diverted from landfill at our re-use shops.
- Another highlight has been the grand opening of the Sustainability Centre in Jephson Gardens.

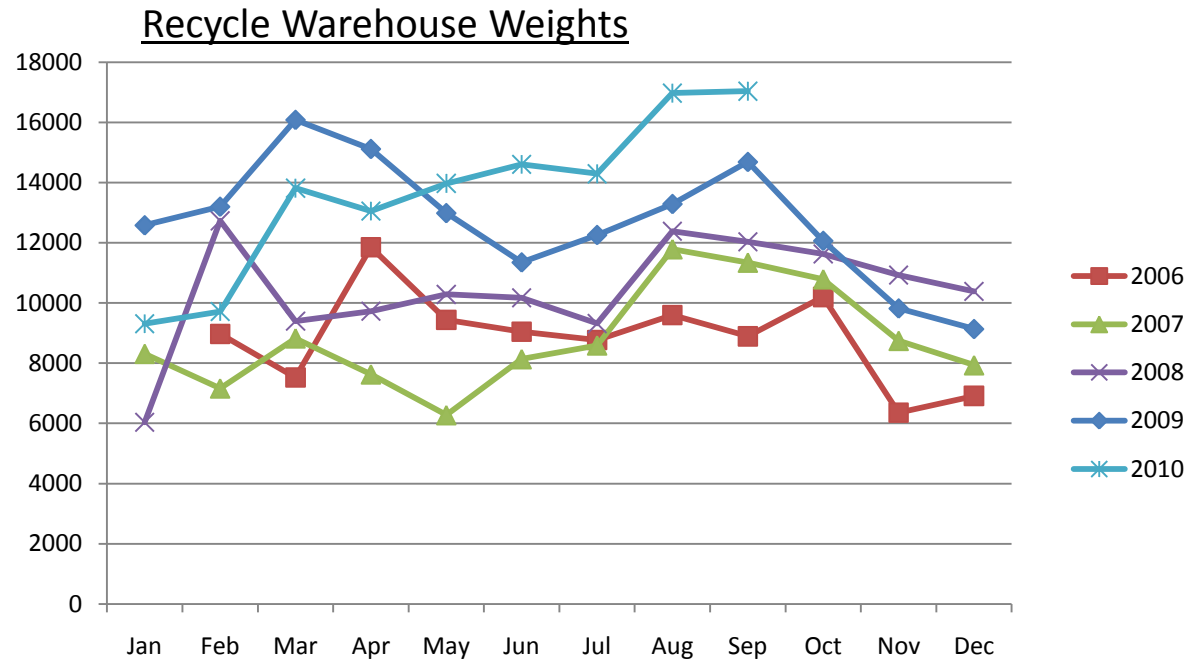
Incredible things have been achieved across all of our projects!



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RE USE



A big thanks to Kristie & all the staff.

As you can see we've seen a continued growth in the tonnage diverted from landfill through our two shops.

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# RE USE



The Recycle Warehouse has been operating for over 5 years this December and The Re-Useful Centre for 18 months. Thank you to all of our hard working and very committed volunteers for their continued help

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It's exciting times at the Recycle Warehouse with the new build planned, meaning we've been able to get rid of the cold and dark containers.

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Operations have continued to expand at the Re-Useful Centre, with the shop floor expansion; furniture restoration; van collections & deliveries; a really useful garden including a bottle greenhouse; re-used art and a fabric reuse project (fab fabs) which has just secured funding!

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## RECYCLING



We upped our game in festival recycling this year by attending the 3 day long **Warwick Folk Festival** as well as the **Peace Festival** .

89 volunteers helped divert 2.5 tonnes of waste over the 2 events!

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## TRANSPORT



Since moving upstairs in the Re-useful centre, the **Bicycle Workshop** has diverted more bikes from landfill than ever before.

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## ENERGY

**Solar 300 Challenge** has completed 15 installations to date. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.

**Sydenham Community Insulation Project** engaged with the community and has raised awareness of insulation.

**Leam Hydro Project.** The feasibility study has been completed and presented to Warwick District Council.



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# FOOD



As we moved to becoming a charity, Action 21 said a **sad farewell to Judy** and the Leamington and Warwick food co-ops. Judy has been involved from the very beginning of Action 21 and we want to say a **massive thank you** for all the hard work over the years. We know that she's gone on to do wonderful things with South Warwickshire Local Food.

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## Dobson Lane Community Allotments



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**Garden Gangs** – a big thanks to Lucy Bishop and her team for this very successful volunteer led project.

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## EDUCATION



This year saw the grand opening of the Sustainability Centre. Volunteers from Valpak worked with Action 21 volunteers to get the garden up and running.

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## EDUCATION



### 2010 & Beyond

- 3 days of workshops on recycling, composting & much more
- 1263 children from 45 local Primary Schools
- Partnership project with lots of local authorities

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### Canalside Education Project

- Teaching children about where their food comes from
- In partnership with Canalside Community Food
- Following success of the pilot we received funding from Community Forum to deliver 4 more events next year!

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## Volunteering Update

We currently have over 200 regular or one-off volunteers, helping us with every aspect of Action 21's work.



"I like the social side of it. I meet some nice people while doing my bit for the environment...."

"I had not been able to work for health reasons and I wanted to maintain my office skills, particularly computing."



"I like to see Action 21 getting value from the items which are donated."

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## Practical Sustainability

Presented to you by Action 21

Monday, 1 November 2010

### Comfort Curtains



Curtains from a generation of blind levers I have been slow to appreciate the joy a cosy pair of curtains can bring. Drawing them at night brings warmth and privacy unatched by any blanket I have ever known. Opening them in the morning gives me those first precious rays of sunshine. The luxury of this experience is down to the inner lining which, in layman's terms, is basically a blanket. Hidden between the curtain and its frame, it warms like what it looks like, and is the perfect use for those lovely old blankets that are taking up far too much storage space.

## Everything you need

RECYCLING specialists Action 21 has teamed up with a local housing association to provide more than a dozen furniture packages for first-time tenants.

The sustainable living campaign group, which has warehouses in Leamington and Sydenham and takes a variety of goods heading for the scrap heap and re-sells them at bargain prices, has joined forces with Orbit Homes of England.

Under the partnership they will kit out an initial 15 homes for first-time tenants with furniture to make their house a home.

The packages will include a sofa, armchair, dining table with four chairs, double bed base, wardrobe, lockable rubbish bin, coffee table, TV unit and a chest of drawers.

Mark Howell from Orbit said: "It's going to make a massive difference.

"Lots of our customers have absolutely nothing - they've been homeless and just have the clothes they're wearing.

"This is a great way to get furniture cheaply, and we're also proud to support recycling."

Eleanor Peckins from Action 21 said: "A while ago we pondered whether it'd be possible to kit out an entire tenement from the Action 21 re-use shops and now it seems that theory is being tried out.

"The good news is that we are open to everybody and we would be pleased to hear from other landlords operating in the area."

For more information please 01926 456365.

Action 21 is taking part in a Winter food event at Lillingdon Youth Centre from 1pm to 3pm on Thursday (February 18). Visitors can 'give it up' by making donations to the free family event. For more information contact Andy Stock on 07786 137770.

Ben Moor (left) manager of the Action 21 recycling centre in Sydenham and Steve Griffith, manager of the Princess Drive centre, with some goods for the housing association tenants. 06.010.039.lean.nc



The Observer Series, Thursday May 27, 2010

www.

## Helping out



A VOLUNTEER who has been helping turn Whitnash wasteland into thriving allotments has called for more green-fingered people to help.

Richard Davy got involved with Action 21's community allotments, on Dobson Lane, when he was at home recovering from a heart attack and saw an advert in the paper asking for volunteers.

"I turned up with my secateurs, leather gloves and wellies, and got stuck in to clearing brambles and broken down greenhouses.

"Turning the land back into allotments is hard work, but good fun."

There will be a volunteer work party to

clear the communal woodland area on Saturday (February 20) from 10am until 3pm. If you would like to get involved, call Action 21 on 01926 456067.

There will also be some plots available from April.

To apply either email louise@action21.co.uk, download an application form from www.action21.co.uk/dobson\_lane\_allotment or pick one up from Whitnash library.

Louise Male project manager of the new Dobson Lane allotment site with volunteer Richard Davy. Picture by Jon Mullis 07.010.050.lean.jm1



John Ford from Action 21 is keen to hear from practical people with time on your hands. 21.010.033.lean.nc

## Volunteers sought for a safe way to help out

ACTION 21 is keen to hear from practical people with time on their hands.

The not-for-profit group which promotes sustainable living in the district is keen to recruit volunteers to carry out safety checks on electrical items received at Action 21's shops The Recycle Warehouse and Re-Useful Centre.

John Ford became a volunteer Portable Appliance Tester for Action 21 after taking early retirement.

He said: "I've always liked fixing things and had an interest in electrics. Volunteering as a Portable Appliance Tester for Action 21 means I save a lot of electrical goods from landfill. I've taken early retirement and this has become a hobby for me now."

Full training will be given. For further details call Amy Footor on 01926 453030 or email amy@action21.co.uk.

Visit www.action21.co.uk for more information about Action 21.

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## Financial Report

	1.4.09 to Year Ended 31.7.10 (16 month Period)	Year Ending 31.3.09
<b>Income</b>	£353,547	£177,266
<b>Total Spend by Action 21</b>	£379,652	£164,867
<b>Operating loss before taxation</b>	£(26,105)	£12,399
<b>Retained profit brought forward</b>	£50,671	£38,272
<b>Retained Profit carried forward</b>	£24,566	£50,671

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## We've become a charity!

While this is the end of Action 21 the social enterprise, now that our assets and staff have been transferred, we are ready to launch the exciting fresh start for **Action 21 the charity**. We want to celebrate all the past successes of Action 21 and thank all those people who have made us what we are today.



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## Election of Trustees Appointment of accountants

### Board of Directors

Gareth Davies is standing down after 9+ years hard work as chair

John Halton Armstrong

Birgitta Ashworth

Margaret Begg

Richard Edwards

Donna Gillbee

Nancy Jones

Bernard Perkins

Chris Pollock

Keith Sinfield

Martin Smith

Roger Twiney

Ruth Wallsgrove

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## Questions

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## Any Other Business