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## Warwick Cycle Races bigger and better than ever!

Action 21 worked with TravelWise, British Cycling and Warwickshire District Council to make this year's event the best yet.

Action 21 organised a Dr Bike stall, hoola hooping, face painting, novelty bikes that people could try out and recruited extra volunteer race marshalls for the event. In addition we sought sponsors, played a major role in publicising the event and raised funds by selling advertising in the programme. The races were a mixture of fun and serious competitive cycling which raised the profile of cycling as a healthy and sustainable alternative to motor vehicles. The event helped to show that cycling can be fun and a great way to boost fitness levels. Action 21 has always promoted cycling and this event is a major part of that initiative

## Action 21 AGM Report

The Annual General Meeting of Action 21 took place at the Bath Street Community Venture on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Gareth Davies chaired the meeting and presented a detailed report that covered all aspects of Action 21. His report will be on the website soon but here are the main points. The **Recycle Warehouse** continues to make a major financial contribution to the organisation, helping to fund other activities. Work has begun to repair the warehouse. **Food and Allotments** projects have continued to expand their scope

by introducing initiatives, together with the schools and Children's centres, encouraging young people to assist in growing and enjoying healthy locally grown food. There is an application for additional funding which is being submitted to the National Lottery. The **Renewable Energy Club** attracted a great deal of interest and new members and is on course to make a real impact on the amount of small-scale energy generation in the district. **The Green Champions Initiative** liaises with schools and other interested groups to promote sustainability, the "2008 and Beyond" event was a huge success this year. Action 21 was also involved in the Leamington Peace Festival and Warwick Cycle Races and helped make both these events a success. Gareth promised "We will continue to promote practical sustainable solutions for recycling, local food production, local energy conservation and generation as well as sustainable transport solutions. We will not do this alone but by working together with people, with local groups, with communities and with the local councils. I invite you all to get involved and literally help a sustainable future to come about."

The members were also invited to show their appreciation to Richard Hicks who will shortly step down as General Manager, Richard received enthusiastic applause and was thanked for his unstinting commitment during his term of office.



# Diary

## Energy Group.



The Energy Group promotes renewable energy and energy efficiency projects throughout the district.

November. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Venue: Chandos Room, Baptist Church, Chandos Street, Leamington Spa  
Email: StevenC@eco-architects.org Tel. 01926 456076



## Green Champions Training

Training for new Green Champions.

October Monday 20th 6.30pm  
November – exact date tbc  
Email: michelle@action21.co.uk Tel 01926 456076



## Renewable Energy Club

Taking practical steps to help people install renewable energy systems. Sub-groups for, wood as a fuel, photovoltaics, insulation and solar water heating.

November Saturday 1st 10.am, Quaker Meeting House, Warwick  
December Saturday 6th 10 am, venue to be confirmed  
Contact: renew@action21.co.uk 01926 456076

## Portable Appliance Testing Course

All day training at the Recycle Warehouse  
October Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Wolseley Sustainable Building Tour

25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Limited places must be advance booked by phone or email contact - renew@action21.co.uk

## Pumpkin Day 31<sup>st</sup> October

A fun, family, Halloween-themed open event. Enjoy as a visitor or as a volunteer helper. Youth Centre, Mason Avenue, Lillington, 1pm until 3pm.

**Christmas Green Fair** – Dale St Methodist Church, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12.30pm-4.30pm

**Check out the Action 21 website for more information. If you don't have internet access then phone 01926 456076 and talk to Michelle.**

## New Action 21 General Manager



When I moved to Warwickshire from Bristol just over a year ago Action 21 was the first organisation I came into contact with. I was impressed. Needless to say, I am delighted to be writing this biography to introduce myself as the new General Manager.

I live in a low-impact fashion on a 61' solar-powered narrowboat with my wife, Alison, and our two children, Eleanor & Rufus. I am a passionate proponent & practitioner of sustainable living. My passions are my boat, learning to work with wood, growing food, & practical microgeneration using renewable energy. My career began in the Armed Forces in 1992 & I was employed in telecommunications until 2003 when I changed career & started a community cafe & restaurant in Somerset focussing on locally-produced, seasonal food. Since moving to the Warwick area I took my catering experience to a school kitchen & I have been ringing in the changes with cooking from scratch with good quality local, organic and seasonal ingredients to please discerning infants and juniors.

## Clapham Terrace Meeting

The Renewable Energy Club hosted a meeting at Clapham Terrace School on the 4<sup>th</sup> October where speaker, David Jullien of Warwickshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, spoke about home energy saving measures and the grants available to help fund them. The meeting was attended by about 40 people who were keen to know what steps they could take to save energy and reduce costs. Cavity wall insulation, loft insulation and double glazing were mentioned as prime factors and the full slide show from the event is being put on the Action 21 website for those unable to attend in person

## Recycle Warehouse News

Work has started on repairing the building at Princes Drive. Scaffolding has been erected and removal of the concrete floor has started.

In the meantime a shed was installed to bring the pay-point closer to the containers. Considering the shed arrived without any instructions Graham, Steve and Ben did a great job.



## Saying Goodbye & Thankyou to ;

**Richard Hicks.** Action 21 General Manager. Richard recently took the decision to step down from the post of General Manager at Action 21. He has been Manager for a year and has steered Action 21 through a difficult period at the Recycle Warehouse whilst managing to raise the profile of the organisation and expanding its scope.

**Trudy Worth.** (Director) Trudy is a very experienced PR consultant. Trudy joined Action 21 in 2006 as an adviser on our communications strategy. Her own business has been demanding more of her time and as a result she has had to step down from Action 21.

**Nicky Conway.** (Director) Nicky is a senior strategic advisor at Forum for the Future. Nicky now has a new baby to look after and has returned to work at Forum for the Future, understandably she now has to cut down on her commitments.

**Alex Brown.** Cycle Co-ordinator. Alex left in September to carry on working with promoting cycling elsewhere. He helped make our bicycle repair programme such a big success.

**Ben Clarke.** Recycle Warehouse assistant and PAT tester. Following a relocation to Stratford and the birth of Connor, his new baby son, Ben left at the beginning of October.

## Saying Hello to;

**Chris Pollock** who has become a member of the Action 21 Board of Directors. Chris has extensive business expertise which will prove an invaluable asset to us as we expand and improve our services.

**Steve Griffiths** who volunteers at the Recycle Warehouse and manages the Ebay sales. Steve wanted to ensure volunteers are represented on the Board of Directors.

## Newsletter Opt-in

In order to check our mailing list and avoid sending the printed copy of the newsletter to members who may not want it, we have decided to only send the next issue out to people who either email us or phone us requesting a paper version. So if you'd prefer to have a printed copy sent to you please call Michelle on 01926 456076 or email her at michelle@action21.co.uk. We can send you an email with a link to the online newsletter- do we have your email address? If not let us know what it is so we can add you to the email list.