



Happy New
Year!

Southampton Sustainability News

Welcome from the Chair

The Southampton Sustainability Forum were surprised to hear that their seat has been axed from the new Strategy board for the Southampton Partnership as we were under the impression from the Fit For Purpose paper that stated we had a seat. Another major blow to the SSF from the proposed budget of 2008 is the axing of the SSF Outreach Officer as it is not a statutory requirement, this is the only paid post and she is responsible for communicating and consulting with member groups. Our opinion is that the 3 strands of well being, "Social, Economic, and Environmental" are not now being used to shape the Southampton Partnership and also suggest that the Strategy board should have more responsibility for delivering the Community Strategy.

Southampton is striving to become a sustainable city, how are we going to achieve this without SSF membership on the partnership and no funding? Who will be responsible for providing an independent sustainable insight into future developments in the city? As a valued SSF member we would appreciate your support at this time and either email or write in support of the SSF to your respective councillor and to the Echo by mid February. Thank you.

Mary Carnegie, Chair of SSF

New free Fair Trade Directory

The SSF is proud to announce the launch of the Southampton Fairtrade Directory 2008 to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight (25 February to 9 March).

The Co-operative-sponsored Southampton Directory 2008 will showcase the huge range of Fairtrade products now on offer and make it easier for consumers in Southampton to track down Fairtrade options. It will be available to pick up completely free from local outlets.

Whenever you buy a product bearing the Fairtrade Foundation's FAIRTRADE Mark you know that the producers have received a fair price for their produce. In addition to this fair price, Fairtrade producers get an extra sum of money, called the Social Premium, that must be spent on things such as sanitation or education.

The Southampton Directory 2008 will be packed with:

- * Stories about real people who are benefiting by getting a fair price for their produce.
- * Comprehensive listings of retail outlets and other organisations in Southampton offering Fairtrade products locally and online.
- * News about the Southampton Fair Trade Group.

The Southampton Fairtrade Directory is published by Bath-based Faragher Jones on a not-for-profit basis. Publisher Steve Faragher said: "Faragher Jones are thrilled to be working with the Southampton Fair Trade Group to produce the Directory, which we hope will show Southampton consumers just how easy it is to buy Fairtrade." For more info contact: Claire 02380



Squeaky Green Clean

Are you looking to reduce the number of toxic chemicals that you use to clean your home or work environment? Are you keen to discover how you can clean in a more environmentally responsible way while still achieving fast and effective results?

ENJO is the latest award winning technology from Austria that uses only ENJO Fibre technology and water to clean any surface, inside or outside your home or business. All products are covered by ISO and HACCP certifications, which means you can be confident that your surfaces really are thoroughly cleaned. The fibres reach into the pores of any surface, often removing dirt and bacteria which has been building up unseen for years. With gloves, cloths, and floor and window products to choose from, ENJO offers a complete solution to all your cleaning requirements.

ENJO can help to eliminate the millions of litres of chemicals used every year. In addition the products have no packaging, no bottles, are economical (each glove lasts 2-3 years and is simply washed with the rest of your laundry), save up to 50% of cleaning time and are biodegradable. ENJO products are also good for your health: no harmful chemicals that can remain on surfaces, become ingested either on contact with skin or by inhaling them.



If you would like to find out more about Enjo, please contact your local Enjo consultant, Catherine Adey-Davies. Catherine can come to your home or business to show you the products and discuss your requirements. You will be able to try the products for yourself and see that they really do work! Alternatively you can host a demo at home with a few friends; then there's the added bonus of receiving free products for yourself as a 'thank you' for your interest in Enjo.

Tel: 023 8067 6157, e-mail: catherine.adavies@enjo.co.uk
Enjo's UK website can be found at www.enjo.org.uk

Raise a Stink



This year is the United Nation's International Year of Sanitation.

Throughout 2008 please help Water Aid raise a stink about the scandalous fact that over 40% of the world's population do not have a safe, clean or private place to go to the toilet.

WaterAid works in 17 countries providing water, sanitation and hygiene education to some of the world's poorest people.

Visit: www.wateraid.org or donate & find out how to campaign
call: 0845 6000 433.

Running the tap can use 10-14 litres of water a minute - which would give enough for a small bath in just 5 minutes.
(Source: Water Wise)

A third of an average family's water use is flushed down the toilet.
(Source: Save-a-flush)

WhizzGo, the pay by the hour car club, now operates in eleven cities which makes it the largest national car club. WhizzGo has now been in operation in Southampton for 18 months, with the support of the Council, WhizzGo has cars in 8 locations around the city, with the recent additions of Briton Street, Canute Road, and WestQuay Shopping Centre Car Park (level 9), and a rapidly growing membership base.

WhizzGo's objective is to allow members to perform long journeys by train (to reduce emissions and congestion) and WhizzGo when they hit the city (if other public transports are not suitable for the journey).

To fight car ownership, we also needed to ensure WhizzGo is accessible to a maximum of people: people can register online or over the phone for £25 (one-off fee) and a £125 deposit. We insure people over 18 years old and with no upper limit.

WhizzGo plays a fundamental part in the UK's sustainable travel network which is grounded upon strong partnerships with councils, town planners and public transport providers. To find out more about the WhizzGo or to become a member visit www.whizzgo.co.uk or call 0870 44 66 000.



Fairtrade Study Tour

Some years ago I visited Nicaragua on a Fairtrade study tour. Part of our time was spent living with families on a coffee co-operative in the mountains. It was a wonderful experience and taught me that, although Fairtrade can't solve all problems, it is important in giving a decent reward for producers' extremely hard work. I learnt that Fairtrade really does help strengthen communities. Nicaragua has great economic problems and has suffered natural disasters. However, in "our" group of co-operatives, young people were not drifting away to work in the city or abroad: they were staying and learning skills. Co-operatives were diversifying their economies, and developing laboratories and coffee-tasters to strengthen their commercial position and supporting people in caring for an environment they loved. The group of co-operatives, is developing an ecotourism project as part of their economic diversification and environmental conservation. This entails learning English, improving the houses, and training co-operative members as guides and hosts.



If you would like to share this experience, the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign is running another study tour in the summer of 2008, combining fair trade and community tourism. They welcome participants interested in Fair Trade and also anybody with experience in building trails and setting up conservation projects. Dates: 28 June – 13 July 2008. Cost: approx. £1300.

Further information: www.nicaraguasc.org.uk

Events galore!

Please use this space! To submit your event please contact Claire, details below.

10th February, Sunday, Chinese New Year

10am-4pm Chinese Market at the Bargate, 11am-12.30pm Opening ceremony on Civic Centre forecourt, 12.30pm Parade starts at the Civic Centre & through the city centre.

17th February, Sunday: Southampton Seed Swap.

All Welcome, Entrance 50p, 10am - 4pm at Woolston Community Centre, Church Road/Weston Grove Road, Woolston, SO19 9EP (fully wheelchair accessible). Stalls & refreshments available. More information: 023 8964 3813 or seedswap@octoberbooks.org

25th February to 9th March: Fairtrade Fortnight

The Southampton Fair Trade Group will be holding an event on **Sat 1st March** outside the Bargate. Come watch the street theatre, live music & more. If you would like to help and get involved locally contact Claire.

We were pleased to see that **October Books** appeared in *The Guardian's* December 2007 Shopping Directory, which bills itself as *the ultimate guide to Britain's finest independent shops and suppliers*.

They mentioned amongst other things that October Books specialises in environmental issues and Fairtrade goods.

The sad news was that they were one of only two shops in Southampton to make the directory. Glancing through, most other UK cities appeared to do much better.

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5 ways to improve your local environment:

- Contact BTCV and find out how to become a volunteer—call 02380 769 719 or visit: http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/btcv_southerncentral
- Organise a litter pick in your area – get your friends and family to join in.
- Are you recycling all you can? Have a look at www.recycleforhampshire.org.uk
- Leave your car at home for a day each week – can you walk or use public transport instead?
- Run a fundraiser for a local environmental charity or cause – every little bit helps!

Keep an eye on our website for future meetings and events!