



Eco-Smart Consultancy 'Think Green' Quarterly Newsletter January 2010

The New Year begins with new legislation and a new set of challenges and Eco-Smart Consultancy is at the forefront to enable its clients to understand the requirements.

The main topic of conversation this year will be the **Carbon Reduction Commitment**, this new legislation is much maligned and for obvious reasons brings a whole new commitment from our government and businesses to try and tackle climate change. There is growing concern that the market place does not understand the new legislation therefore Eco-Smart Consultancy is able to offer advice to customers who are in this position.

Eco-Smart Consultancy is delivering a seminar for the Bedfordshire **Green Business Network** on the Carbon Reduction Commitment on February 17th 2010 at the Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire (near M1 junction 13). To book your place at the CRC seminar follow the attached link:-

<http://www.gbn-bedfordshire.org.uk/>

New Website Launch.

Eco-Smart Consultancy announces the launch of the next generation of its website www.eco-smartconsultancy.co.uk The site features our expanded range of services offered in response to growing customer demand and also includes a quarterly newsletter.

Health and Safety Announcement.

Eco-Smart Consultancy has formed links with Prosper Health and Safety Solutions to enable us to meet your Health and Safety requirements, in addition to our existing ISO 14001, ISO 9001 and UKAS services.

New Year Reminder.

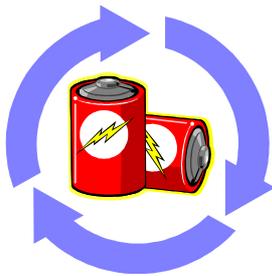


A reminder to all customers - The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 were amended on 6th April 2009. Premises that produce less than 500 kg hazardous waste in a year are exempt from registration. (Previously set at 200kg). The hazardous

waste producer license must be renewed each year with the Environment Agency.

Recent Legislation.

Eco-Smart Consultancy aims to keep all clients up to date with the latest legislation, see below for a brief explanation of recent and upcoming legislation. If you require further information or training on legislative matters, please contact markt@eco-smartconsultancy.co.uk



Battery Directive.

If you place more than one tonne of portable batteries on the market per year you will have to pay for the collection, recycling and disposal of waste batteries in proportion to your market share from 1st January 2010. You will have to register with a battery compliance scheme that will arrange the collection, recycling and disposal of batteries on your behalf.



Site Waste Management Plans.

In England, from 6 April 2008, you must have a Site Waste

Management Plan (SWMP) for all new construction projects worth more than £300,000. Construction MUST not start

until a SWMP is in place. The main principle is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

Environmental Damage and Liability



Regulations 2009

If you or your business carry out an activity that causes environmental damage you will have to remedy the damage. If there is a risk of damage from your business activities, you must prevent such damage occurring.

New Legislation.

- Water Protection Zones – expected to come into force 22nd December 2009.
- Detergents – expected to come into force April 2010.
- Carbon Reduction Commitment – expected to come into force April 2010.
- Revised waste exemptions from environmental permitting - expected to come into force April 2010.
- Handling transfer and transport of waste - expected to come into force April 2010 (in two stages).
- Environmental permitting extension - expected to come into force spring 2010.
- Non-agricultural diffuse water pollution in England and Wales - comes into force - Unknown.

Businesses Going Greener.

One of the fastest growing sectors in the business world is Environmental issues. The desire of the public, government and local authorities to purchase goods and services from 'environmentally friendly' companies has vastly increased. Organisations like mobile phone companies and supermarkets are investing in green technologies and encouraging recycling. Therefore Eco-smart Consultancy has expanded the services it offers, including ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems, training and auditing services to help turn your company 'Green'.

Green Business Network.

Eco-Smart Consultancy supports the Bedfordshire **Green Business Network** (GBN), which offers a variety of services.

The organisation is a charity, led by a steering group and board of trustees taken from local business, the Bedfordshire local authorities, the Environment Agency and educational establishments.

GBN is a leading business environmental network, providing a range of services to help members improve their environmental performance. For further info. www.gbn-bedfordshire.org.uk

Forest of Marston Vale.

If an extra 4% of the UK's land was planted with new woodland over the next 40 years, it could lock up to 10% of the nations predicted greenhouse gas emissions by the 2050's according to a new Forestry Commission report, Eco-Smart Consultancy encourages all its customers to support the Forest Centre in it's aims for the future development of the countryside.



The Forest of Marston Vale.

"Our challenge is to use trees and woodlands to transform 61 square miles between Bedford and Milton Keynes, repairing a landscape

scarred by decades of clay extraction, brick making and landfill. "

For more details E-mail:

info@marstonvale.org

Environmental Facts.

If we collected the 90 million mobile phones that we no longer used, they could be recycled for the metal inside of them. This would equal 18 tonnes of copper, 428,000 ounces of silver and 85,000 ounces of gold (Worth about £49 million!).

Recycling just one plastic bottle can save the same amount of energy needed to power a 60 watt light bulb for 6 hours.