

## FEEDBACK FROM THE SOUTH EAST REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE 2003

### COMMENTARY

We received a good rate of response to the questionnaire with 100 forms returned out of a possible 248. Delegates clearly valued the conference and would like to see more activity.

Overall, the **mix of speakers and topics** provided was enjoyed although there was a feeling that we might be trying to cram too much in to each day. For 2004 we will make sure that there are fewer speakers each day and more debates (the wind energy debate on day 2 went very well). The strategy and project sessions will also be mixed to ensure that each day can be more 'stand alone'. Bill Giles was very popular and we will seek to find an equally interesting 'celebrity' speaker for 2004. CD copies of the presentations were request and we will look into costs for this.

Delegates felt that an annual regional renewables conference was needed. We will hold the **2004 Conference** during early November and we will be carefully considering venues for this soon to ensure that we have good choice. We will take on board comments made about venue location and catering plus a linked exhibition and catering area.

The **renewable energy awards** were very well received and the three categories seen as appropriate. Delegates believed the criteria used for making the award, should include innovation, implementation and transferability. Some felt that awards should only be made to completed projects. Others thought that improvement should be a factor as well as achievement itself. TV Energy will take these views into account when it reviews the awards for 2004 with the South East Renewables Partnership.

Feedback requested on **TV Energy** and its programme clearly showed support to continue operations. A majority wished to see greater coverage to the region. Emphasis on our future work lay with education, training and flagship projects. In response to this, the TV Energy business strategy already sets out a focus for work in these areas and the government agencies will be reviewing the regional coverage of renewables support during the early part of 2004.

## General Information

### Number of Delegates

Just Day 1	74	(29.7%)
Just Day 2	66	(26.5%)
Both Days	109	(43.8%)

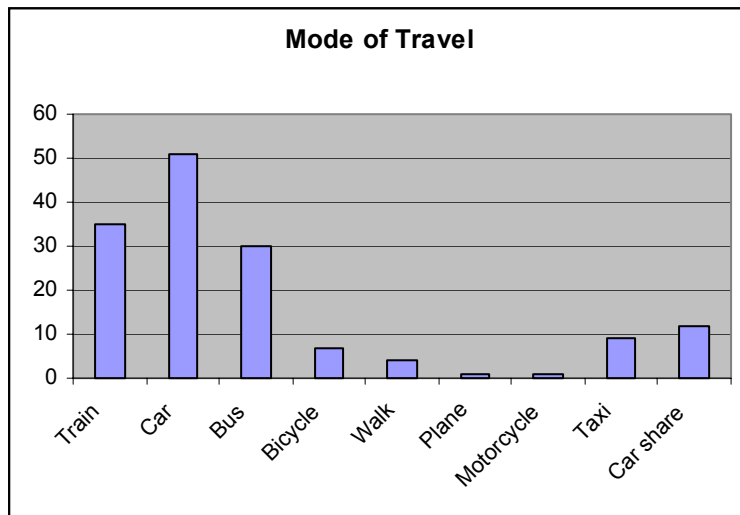
Total number attending 249

Total number registered to attend 296 (note all those who were no shows were not paying!)

*ANNEX 1: Final list of delegates and organisations (See end of document)*

Number of feedback forms returned, 100 of a possible 249 (40%)

### Mode of travel to the conference



Whilst the car was the dominant mode of transport, many people took advantage of available public transport facilities.

## **The Event**

### **The standard of pre-event information**

Very Good	20
Good	66
Fair	12
Poor	2

Almost everyone thought that the pre-event information was either very good or good, with just one or two people suggesting that information should be sent by post.

### **The quality of information provided during the days of the conference**

Very Good	34
Good	56
Fair	10
Poor	0

The information that people received during the conference was considered to be on the whole of a good standard. Suggestions for improvements included; delegate lists to be circulated before the conference, leaving out the cardboard covers and *CD's of presentations to be made available on the day.*

### **The range of presentations/debates and speakers**

Very Good	48
Good	42
Fair	6
Poor	0

Again here a number of people considered the range of speakers and debates to be a good mix. However, some thought that there were *too many presentations on a single day* and *several believed that overlapping occurred in material content.* Suggestions for diversity included invitation of architects and developers and *more workshops and debates.* However, *those that stood out in people's minds were the presentation given by Bill Giles and the lively wind vs CPRE debate.*

### **The exhibition**

Very Good	23
Good	56
Fair	24
Poor	0

The exhibition was generally well received, with the most popular stands being National Wind Power and Utilicom.

### **The Venue**

Very Good	20
Good	49
Fair	23
Poor	8

Although many people enjoyed the venue, many suggested that *a future venue should feature sustainability and a better site might be an ecologically friendly and energy efficient building*. Many complained about the excessive heat and airlessness of the conference building. Several suggested better transport links and *some people stated their preference for a town/city centre based venue* than an out-of-town business park. With the increased focus on the South East, several people thought the venue ought to be London as they believed it to be a more central location attracting a wider audience.

### **The Catering**

Very Good	18
Good	50
Fair	23
Poor	9

Several people felt that the catering did not feature sustainable or enough vegetarian/vegan provision and advocated *more salads and healthier options, fair trade, local and organic food*. Some complained of long queues, although they thought that catering staff in general were excellent. A few suggested herbal teas as well as standard tea and coffee, fruit, more food distribution points, more variation and more seating and a final point made by delegates was in *a future conference to incorporate the exhibition into the dining areas*.

### **Renewable Energy Awards**

**Do you think annual awards are a good idea?**

Yes 81 No 1

*The annual awards scheme received overwhelming support, with no one disagreeing with the idea.*

Do you think that three awards (community, business and LA) is the right balance?

Yes 67  
No 9

*Most people felt that the three existing awards created a balanced coverage for the renewables industry*, but other suggestions included; best individual action, best renewable energy planning committee, a division between SME's and big business, regional exporter (goods or services), individual and protected landscapes, local champion of RE award, energy manager award, communications/education, sustainable building/construction, school projects, minimising energy, reducing impact, engaging others and one or two that they should be linked to Eurostar Awards.

*The criteria they believed for making the award varied from innovation, implementation, transferability* to only awarding completed projects, this being in reference to the Bracknell award. Others thought that *improvement should be a factor as well as achievement*.

### **Regional Renewable Energy Conference 2004**

#### **Should we hold a conference in 2004**

Yes 93  
No 3

*Almost everyone thought that a conference should be held in 2004*, with one or two suggesting that a biannual event might be better as two years work might have more impact.

#### **Preference for venue and date**

*Popular locations for future conferences were to hold the event in Reading or at the same location*, a few people suggested Oxford and some felt that different regional locations could be chosen with several mentioning an eco-friendly or renewable energy building. *The most popular month to hold a future event was November*.

Oct (14)  
Nov (36)  
Dec (23)

#### **Suggestions on content (items or speakers)**

A range of suggestions for material and speakers were raised, including the following: *Mix strategy and projects over two days as not everyone can come to both*, more case studies, workshops to encourage more delegate interaction, more focus on community projects, transport initiatives, more about renewable energy grants, security of supply, *encourage government ministers to speak*, geothermal, building regulations, *make sure that there will be updates from work undertaken since the 2003 conference*, name and shaming of good bad Local Authorities!, more publicity, farmers, developers of residential or commercial sites, reduce number of speakers, more international speakers,

role of renewables in reducing fuel poverty, ask other regional agencies to speak, GSHP's, energy efficiency, gasification, the crown estate, and information on the funding of projects.

**The Work of TV Energy**

**Should the work of TV Energy activity continue?**

No, work is completed (1)  
 Yes, at TV level (38)  
 Extend to other SE areas (50)

*More than half of those asked thought that TVE should extend their work to other south east areas.* The areas where supporting activity was sought included: Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Thanet, Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

**What are your thoughts about the range of projects being addressed by TVE?**

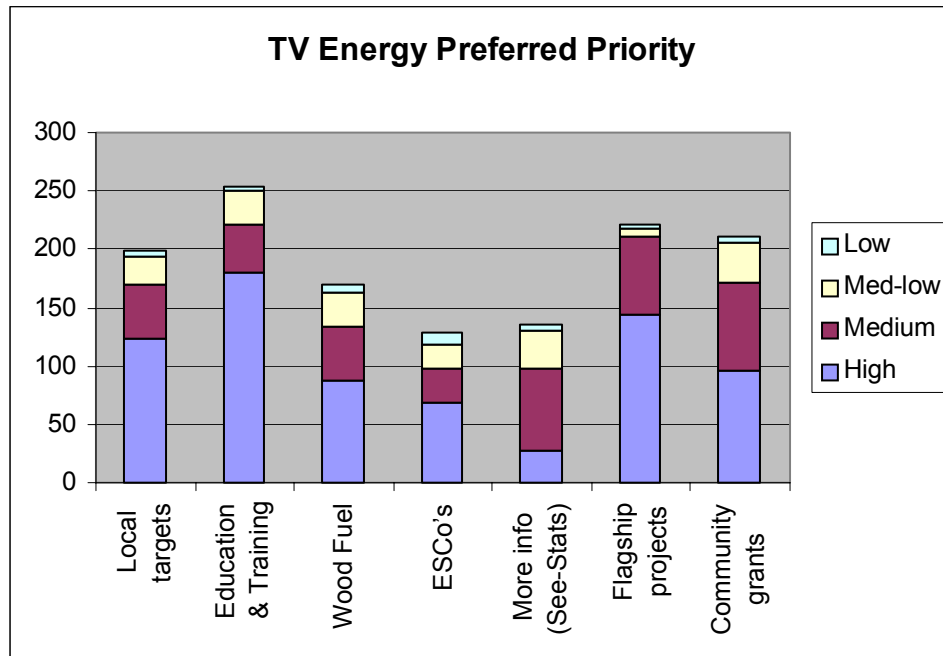
*Several people considered TVE to be carrying out excellent work and commented on the breadth and range of involvement including the coppice producer groups.* Areas to be concentrated on in the future included more effort on solar thermal, education, energy from waste, more emphasis on sustainable building construction techniques, energy saving and bio-fuels. Campaigns such as the following “Would like to see more (!) wind farms in the SE region” were mentioned by several people and a better utilisation of existing woodland in the South East. Warnings included the following “Don’t get too sucked into Bracknell, get involved in other projects like Greenham 100% renewable”, but several positive comments were aired - ***Diverse and structured, model for other organisations – Bob Brown, Sustainability Actions*** and some thought that TVE had an innovative project diversity.

**Indicate which areas of work you think we should be addressing or giving priority to with 4 as the highest priority and 1 as the lowest.**

	4	3	2	1
Local targets	31	15	12	5
Local Education and Training	45	14	14	4
Wood Fuel	22	15	15	7
ESCo's	17	10	10	10
More information (See-Stats)	7	23	17	4
Flagship projects	36	22	4	4
Community grants	24	25	17	6

A high percentage of people felt that TVE should be addressing local targets, local education & training, wood fuel, flagship projects and these should be given priority over information and ESCo's with an evenly proportioned response to community grants.

‘Weighting’ this gives the priority shown below:



Order is:

1. Education & training
2. Flagship projects
3. Community grants
4. Local targets
5. Wood fuel
6. More information (SEE-STATS)
7. ESCo's

Other areas mentioned were to encourage decision-makers ‘on-board’ with events specifically designed for planners, presentations to local authorities at the highest political level and a campaign to pursue wind farm applications.

**Are there any particular projects or areas of TV Energy’s work that your organisation would like to be more involved in?**

Several delegates expressed an interest in the Bracknell regeneration project with one or two specifically mentioning the ESCo. Biomass featured with a number of organisations interested in wood fuel supply and wood fuel heating projects, one mentioning the possible opportunities in Surrey with proposals that districts within the county meeting up regularly to discuss opportunities. Other projects that delegates were keen to be involved with included; energy efficient buildings and *collaborative projects with local authorities to stop unsustainable building practice*. Biofuels were also mentioned as were educational materials.

## **Other comments concerning TVE's activities?**

*"TV Energy is a trailblazer, is leading the way and is inspirational"* – John Bannister, Guildford Environmental Forum

*"TV Energy is an invaluable support and point of contact for our local community project"* – Jane Light, Warfield Environment Group

*"You are one of the best and most active agencies in the country – really good"* – Jackie Carpenter, Energy 21

*"TV Energy has made a positive contribution in assisting local authorities in the Thames Valley to develop sound renewables policy"* – David Wolfenden, DWCL

*"A very good conference and very good value"* – Mark Holloway, MAH

*"Protecting important landscapes does not mean an anti-renewable attitude"* – Steve Rodrick, Chilterns AONB Office

## **Future information about TV Energy**

### **Have you visited the TV Energy website?**

Yes 73

No 22

### Comments

A fair number of delegates visit the TVE website and many find it a useful first port of call. Some mentioned that it was informative and several easy to navigate.

### **Are you likely to visit the website for new information?**

Yes 89

No 4

Weekly 6

**Monthly 43**

Quarterly 35

Annually 3

Almost all noted that they would be visiting the TVE website for more information either monthly or quarterly, including most of those who had not already visited the site.

**Have you visited the SEE-Stats website ([www.see-stats.org](http://www.see-stats.org))?**

Yes 12  
No 81

Although most delegates had not visited the website, those who had found it useful and informative but one or two people felt that it needed further development.

**Are you likely to visit the website for more information?**

Yes 77  
No 16

Weekly 3  
Monthly 29  
**Quarterly 35**  
Annually 5

Most delegates indicated that they would like to visit the SEE-Stats website, even those unfamiliar with it. However, unlike the TVE website, more stated that they would visit this quarterly.

**Would you like to receive information about a seminar to be held with the DTI on regional statistics to be held in March 2004?**

Yes 61  
No 28

This received a favourable response for delegates wishing to attend the DTI seminar.

**Would you like to join our mailing list to receive news of events and projects on renewable energy in the South East Region?**

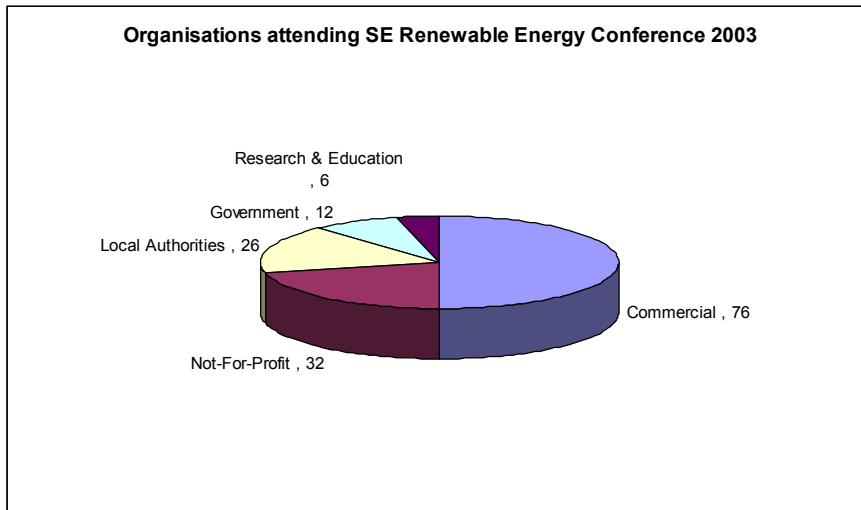
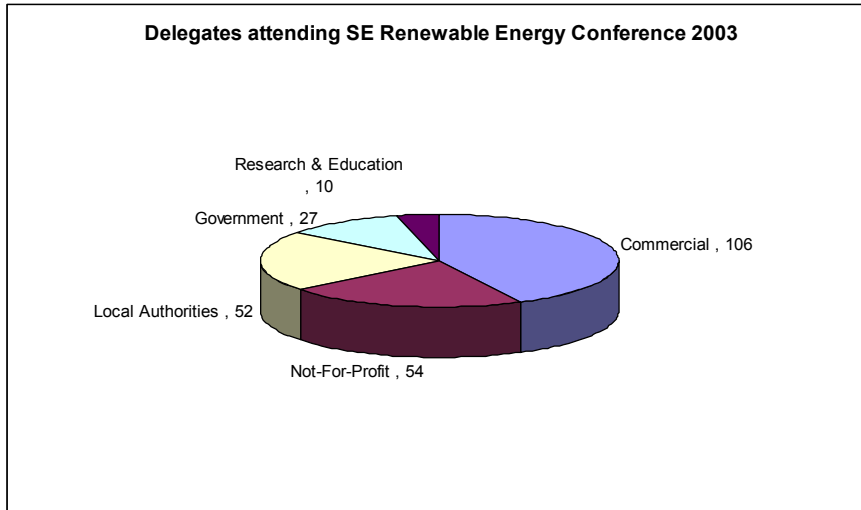
Yes 78  
No 11

The majority of people were keen to receive news of events and renewable energy projects in the South East Region.

# ANNEX 1

## Attendance numbers & breakdown

Sector	Delegates		Organisations	
	No.	%	No.	%
Commercial	106	(42.6%)	76	(50.0%)
Not-For-Profit	54	(21.7%)	32	(21.1%)
Local Authorities	52	(20.9%)	26	(17.1%)
Government	27	(10.8%)	12	(7.9%)
Research & Education	10	(4.0%)	6	(3.9%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>



## *Conference delegate list – final attendees*

Kate Ainscough	Powergen
Gillian Alker	WRC Plc
Paul Apps	Futurbio Ltd / Fibrowatt
Cherry Aston	Buckinghamshire CC
Fran Austins	West Midlands Regional Assembly
Ian Bacon	TV Energy
Steve Baggs	Eastleigh BC
Naomi Baker	Slough BC
Malcolm Ball	Solar Century
Christine Ballard	National Energy Foundation
John Bannister	Guildford Environmental Forum / Energy 21
Helen Barnes	British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)
Staff 2 Barnes	British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)
Jonathon Bates	IT Power
Steve Batt	Devon CC
Gareth Beard	Environment Agency
Michael Beech	TV Energy
Frank Beiboer	METOC
GabrielBerry	TV Energy
Godfrey Bevan	Private Consultant
Martin Biermann	Basingstoke & Deane BC
Alastair Binnie	Alastair Binnie Architecture & Environment
AlistairBird	Private Consultant
Guy Blakeney	The Rutland Group
Jeremy Bolas	South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
Steve Bond	Private Consultant
Kevin Boniface	Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Ruth Booker	Oxfordshire CC
Chas Bradfield	Wokingham DC
Tor Brook	Manor Farm
Nick Brown	Future Wind Ltd
Katy Brown	Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)
Bob Brown	Sustainability Actions
Staff 1 Brownhill	Npower
Staff 2 Brownhill	Npower
Staff 3 Brownhill	Npower
Staff 4 Brownhill	Npower
Charlotte Bruton	TV Energy
Scott Burrows	Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)
John Bushby	Earthworks Trust Ltd
Terry Butchers	Isle of Wight C
Paul Calder	Sustainable Development Ltd / Dashwood Construction
Jackie Carpenter	Energy 21
Staff 2 Carpenter	Energy 21

Andy Chalmers	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Gavin Clark	Future Energy Solutions
Terry Clarke	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Patrick Cogswell	TV Energy
Richard Coles	Hampshire CC
Candice Collier	Southampton City C
Darren Comber	Scott Brownrigg Ltd
Jim Coombs	CPL Press
Roger Coombs	CPL Press
Ben Coulter	Ecosys
Edward Dawson	Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Gary Cowell	Milton Keynes Energy Agency
Kirsten Chambers	Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)
Mark Cunniffe	Hoare Lea
Naomi Davidge	IT Power
Ian Davies	the Environment Centre (tEC), Southampton
Jeremy Davy	West Berkshire C
Chris Day	C J Day Associates / Seahorse
Tony de Vere	Vale of White Horse DC
Annette Deveson	TV Energy
Barry Deller	ACTVaR
Chris Dent	Surrey CC
Matt Dickinson	Building Research Establishment (BRE)
Joe Doak	University of Reading
Katherine Donne	DEFRA
Angela Doone	Roger Miles Planning Ltd
Paul Dorling	DEFRA
Ian Duckworth	Shortenills Environmental Education Centre
Angela Duignan	Baywind / Energy4All
Geoff Dutton	CCLRC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
Graham Eastwick	Private Consultant
Harry Edwards	Solar Link
Duncan Eggar	UK Sustainable Development Commission
Sue Element	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Vera Elliott	Sustainability Actions
Valerie Ellis	UK Sustainable Development Commission
Kevin Ennis	Basingstoke & Deane BC
Nick Escott	Tanaris Limited
Stephanie Evans	the Environment Centre (tEC), Southampton
Mike Eyre	Bio-Ethanol Ltd
Jim Fawcett	Isle of Wight C
Richard Fielding	Talbott's Heating Ltd
Sue Finlay	DEFRA
Alex Finn	RMC Aggregates
Ian Fletcher	Wind Business Support
Barry Flisher	Lambourn Valley Forum

Emma Flower	RB Windsor & Maidenhead
Jean Fooks	Oxford City C
Gary Foster	The Carbon Trust
Adrian Foster-Fletcher	Friends of the Earth
Martin Fry	Martin R Fry & Associates
David Fulford	University of Reading
R T Gardiner	Newbury College
Tim Garner	Utilicom Ltd
Julie Gil	RB Windsor & Maidenhead
Bill Giles OBE	Weather People Ltd
Bill Gillett	European Commission
Eloise Gist	National Energy Foundation
Mark Goldthorpe	South East Climate Change Partnership
Ian Gough	Wokingham DC
Tony Gould	Surrey CC
Stan Green	Sustainable Development Ltd
Peter Green	Vale of White Horse DC
Mike Gwilliam	South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA)
Robin Haddow	Haddow Partnership Ltd
Katy Hall	CPL Press
Richard Harding	Private Consultant
Michael Hardy	Hampshire CC
Nicholas Hardy	Page Hardy Ltd
Rob Hancock	Kent CC
Karl Hansen	The Living Rainforest
Mark Harrison-Jones	Fareham Council
Rhian Hayes	Wokingham DC
Merylyn Hedger	Environment Agency
Paul Hemming	Havant BC
WarrenHicks	Halcrow Group Ltd
Neil Hilkene	Kent CC
Amy Hinks	Buckinghamshire CC
Eric Hobson	RWE Innogy
John Hollis	BMW (GB) Ltd
Mark Holloway	MAH
Simon Holt	National Wind Power
John Howson	Novera Energy
Da Fei Huang	Hitech Energy Ltd
Brian Hughes	Environment Agency
Amolak Hunjan	PV Systems
Bhajan Hunjan	PV Systems
Mike Janes	DTI
Mark Johnson	Bisset Adams
Paul Kennedy	Corporation of London
Jenny Key	Talbott's Heating Ltd
Andrey Kotlarcczyk	Zelen Partners

Suzanne Le Miere	New London Renewables
Ruth Liberty-Shalev	Alastair Binnie Architecture & Environment
Jane Light	Warfield Environment Group
Royce Longton	West Berkshire C
Caroline Lucas	European Parliament / Green Party
Jacinta MacDermot	Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)
Duncan Mackay	Countryside Agency
Ruth Malleson	BioDiversity International Ltd
Ian Manders	Energy Conservation and Solar Centre (ECSC)
Martin Marais	National Wind Power
Alwyn Marriage	Guildford Environmental Forum
Paul Marsh	Interserve Defence Ltd
Richard Marshall	RMC Aggregates
David Martin	Private Consultant
Becky Martyn	DTI
Gavin McAlpine	Renewable Energy Systems Ltd
Ian McCubbin	Future Energy Solutions
Carly McKay	Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)
Bernard McNelis	IT Power
Kara Millen	Terravert Environment & Energy Consultants
Paul Millmore	Sussex Downs Conservation Board
Terry Mills	South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
Robert Mitchell	Thames Water
Nick Monger-Godfrey	John Lewis & Waitrose
Geraldine Moon	Countryside Agency
Liz Moore	Oxfordshire CC
Anthony More	Reading Evening Post
John Morris	Chiltern Woodlands Project
Drew Munden	Utilicom Ltd
Timothy Murphy	Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
Les Murrell	Rushmoor BC
Hayley Myles	Dulas
Aarun Naik	Forum for the Future
Nick Neal	ESD Ltd
Ken Neal	Ken Neal Building Design
Peter Nicholls	Buckinghamshire CC
Roderick Nicholson	Nicholson Nurseries
Paul Norrish	Solar Century
Stephen Nortcliff	University of Reading / TVE
Jamie O'Nians	IT Power
Ben Oubridge	Guildford BC
Shaun Palmer	Senior Engineer
Alison Parker	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Mark Paulson	Coppice Resources Ltd
David Payne	South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA)
David Pitcher	Energy Conservation and Solar Centre (ECSC)

Terena Plowright	Earthworks Trust Ltd
Ben Pontin	Peel Fold Holdings Ltd
Anne Pritchard	Basingstoke & Deane BC
Keith Richards	TV Energy
S. J. Rilsey	Centritec Systems Ltd
Steve Rodrick	Chilterns Conservation Board
Ann Saffery	CREATE
Juno Sambrook	British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)
Paul Sanderson	Surrey CC
Mark Saunders	Vale of White Horse DC
Ali Sayigh	World Renewable Energy Network (WREN)
Keith Searle	Sollatek Distribution
Tiphainede Salettes	SEPCO plc
Elizabeth Shier	Kent CC
David Shipworth	University of Reading
Emma Shorter	Buckinghamshire CC
Ralph. Sims	Centre for Energy Research, Massey University, New Zealand
Verena Skinner	Runnymede BC
Dan Slattery	HiTech Energy Ltd
Mike Smith	Southampton City C
Lucy Smith	Environment Agency
David Spragg	Alastair Binnie Architecture & Environment
Paul Staines	Vale of White Horse DC
Bev Stanley	Eastleigh BC
Phil Stevens	David Wolfenden & Co Ltd (DWCL)
Cath Stevenson	National Wind Power
David Still	Renewables UK
Deborah Stør	TV Energy
Fiona Stokes	Brighton & Hove City C
Lesley Stoner	Wycombe DC
Mark SurrIDGE	Mason Communications
Hugh Swan	Private Consultant
Katerina Syngellakis	IT Power
Stuart Tagg	Greenham Trust
Roberto Tambini	Eastleigh BC
Gill Taylor	RB Windsor & Maidenhead
Vincent Taylor	Lambourn Valley Forum
David Teal	Aeolus Partnership
Alison Tetteh	CENTRIM, University of Brighton
Lindsay Thompson	FPD Savills
Julian Thomson	South Oxfordshire DC
Andrew Tipping	Future Energy Solutions
Andrew Tolfts	BioRegional Development Group
Chris Tomlinson	British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)
Peter Traves	FPD Savills
John Tucker	The Woodland Trust

Philip Turner	RTPI South Planning Aid
Neil Turner	Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)
Adam Twine	Westmill Farm
Chris Twinn	Arup
Frankie Upton	Oxfordshire CC
Lesley Van Dijk	South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA)
Matt Ware	National Farmers' Union (NFU)
Ernest Warren	Hitech Energy Ltd
Graham Weston	Wycombe DC
Louise Whall	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Anne Wheldon	University of Reading
Stephen Wilkinson	Private Consultant
Tim Williams	Buckinghamshire Country Parks
Alan Williams	Hampshire CC
Clive Williamson	RMC Aggregates
John Willmer	Friars Court Farm
Elizabeth Wilson	Oxford Brookes University
Peter Winter	Thames Water
Philip Wolfe	The Renewable Power Association
David Wolfenden	David Wolfenden & Co Ltd (DWCL)
Dave Worthington	ESD Ltd

### ***Exhibitor list***

#### **Commercial (17 ; 54.8%)**

Alastair Binnie Architects & Environment  
 CPL Press / ManagEnergy  
 David Wolfenden & Company Ltd (DWCL)  
 Dulas Ltd  
 ESD Ltd  
 Hitech Energy Ltd  
 IT Power  
 National Wind Power  
 NPower  
 PV Systems  
 Solar Century  
 Sollatek Distribution  
 Talbott's Heating Ltd  
 The Living Rainforest  
 TV Bioenergy  
 Utilicom Ltd  
 Waitrose Plc

#### **Not-For-Profit (6 ; 19.4%)**

Baywind / Energy4All  
 British Wind Energy Association (BWEA)

Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)  
Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)  
Energy 21  
TV Energy

**Local Authorities (1 ; 3.2%)**

Bracknell Forest BC

**Government (6 ; 19.3%)**

DEFRA

DTI

Environment Agency

SE Climate Change Partnership

South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA)

**Research & Education (1 ; 3.2%)**

University of Reading

**Booked, but did not attend/pay**

ADAS & Bio-Renewables Ltd

Ecotricity

