

"Planning and biomass"

Supporting sustainable bioenergy development in the North East

Expert Seminar

If you are a planning officer from County, District, National Park or MBC authority, a planning consultant or a sustainability officer...

If you would you like to get an expert overview of issues involved in a biomass project and advice how to address them with confidence...

Then this seminar is for you!

Based on consultations with practitioners from private and public sector, we have selected a range of relevant subjects of interest during the process of planning for a bioenergy project. They will be explained by experienced practioners and experts in this field.

Where: The Sage Gateshead, Seminar Room

When: 14 Sept. 2010, 9.00am - 4.00pm

Programme summary

Session 1: Overview of biomass heat and power in the UK

Session 2: Drivers, policy and incentives for using biomass

Session 3: Planning applications for biomass projects

Session 4: Practical exercise - A case considered in detail

Lunch and networking

Session 5: Case study

Session 6: Policy making and implementation

Session 7: Biomass fuel sustainability and air quality issues

For detailed seminar programme see the next page.

Registration

Closing date: 10.Sept. 2010. Limited number of places.

Cost: £30 + VAT (coffee, tea and lunch included)

To register please fill out an online form ([click here](#)).

Or contact Northwoods on info@northwoods.org.uk or tel. 01670 513292

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Programme

- 9.00 am Coffee and registration
- 9.15 am Session 1: Overview of biomass heat and power in the UK**
Ben Tansey, Rural Development Initiatives Ltd.
Technology, fuel issues: delivery, storage, supply and processing options.
Use of biomass in Europe and UK including domestic heating, CHP and large scale power.
- 9.45 am Session 2: Drivers, policy and incentives for using biomass**
Barbara Hooper, North Energy Associates Ltd. (Sessions 2 & 6)
National, (regional) and local policy framework, including targets, processing local policies, financial incentives and other drivers. Q&A
- 10.30 am Coffee break
- 10.50 am Session 3: Planning applications for biomass projects**
Nicola Smith, North Energy Associates Ltd. (Sessions 3 & 4)
Covering an array of environmental, technology and planning issues related to single building scale heat (domestic and large scale) and power stations such as: scoping for EIAs, environmental impact incl. noise, air quality, visual impact, activity, hydrology, flooding, heritage issues, ecology, traffic, construction etc. Q&A
- 11.30 Session 4: Practical exercise - A case considered in detail**
Review of an actual application in groups, discussion on a set of questions, feedback session.
- 12.30 pm Lunch and networking
- 1.30 pm Session 5: Case study**
Planner will describe the planning process, work flow, procedures, challenges faced and lessons learned.
- 2.00 pm Session 6: Policy making and implementation**
Setting practical/viable policies at local level in the absence of RSS, interpreting and applying policy to applications, guidance to developers; Q&A
- 2.45 pm Coffee break
- 3.00 pm Session 7: Biomass fuel sustainability and air quality issues / emissions**
Dr. Patricia Thorney, Supergen Bioenergy Consortium
Environmental sustainability including life cycle analysis, emissions and air quality, stack and building heights, controls, economic sustainability - food vs fuel costs, transport, social sustainability and local benefits.
- 3.45 pm Q&A, closing and summary