



Annual Biodiversity Event – 25 June 2014

Venue: DENSO Manufacturing, Telford

Andy Whyte, BESST Chair / Ricoh Products UK Ltd chaired the event and welcomed speakers and guests to what is now our Annual Biodiversity Event, this year hosted at DENSO

First to speak at this event was Richard Summers of Saint Gobain who gave an overview of the history of the site. Richard explained how from meeting with other BESST members and learning what they were doing environmentally, was what had encouraged him to begin his Biodiversity journey at Saint Gobain. Following a highly successful implementation, Saint Gobain were awarded the Saint Gobain Global Environmental Award for their achievements at Telford.



Richard was following by Chris Mitchell of SLR Consulting, who worked with Saint Gobain to produce an Ecological Survey and Biodiversity Management Plan for them to begin this environmental journey. SLR advised on existing features of interest and how to further utilise these. They also created an Implementation Timetable for Saint Gobain to follow.

Event host, Martin Booth of DENSO talked to guests about the continuing work their Associates are doing in the Eco-Garden. From the introduction of solar power to encourage oxygenation of garden ponds, species surveys, Eco-Rangers and the more recent wildlife monitoring cameras which often capture night time footage of badgers and foxes and much more...





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The importance of Bees as pollinators

What are pollinators?

Pollinators are animals that transfer pollen from the anthers to the stigma of a flower, enabling the flower to set seed and fruit (fertilisation). Through cross-fertilisation, they play an important role in maintaining plant diversity.

Insects are pollinators of 80% of all plant species in Europe, including most fruits, many vegetables and some biofuel crops. Current estimates of the economic value of pollinator services are in the order of hundreds of £millions

Declines in the health and populations of bees and other pollinators are seen globally as posing risks to biodiversity, long-term food security and ultimately human health.



DENSO Associate and onsite Beekeeper Matt Price talked to everyone about the decline of the Honey Bee and how this can affect biodiversity, long-term food security and ultimately, human health. During the tour of the Eco-Garden, guests saw a sample of the inside of a bee hive



Ricoh Environment Officer and BESST Chair Andy Whyte, talked about Ricoh's biodiversity strategy, and how the SUDS planning had led to working with SWT to create management processes for their site. These included measuring water quality in line with future water framework directive requirements, and tree management methods. These processes were being captured to share with other BESST members and had already been presented at The Wildlife Trusts national workshop

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Ricoh UK Products Ltd
Andy Whyte (Environment Officer)

The presentations were followed by a tour of the excellent DENSO site, which has now developed considerably since the last BESST visit. DENSO are using their natural capital asset to educate not only other business organisations but also educational establishments. The DENSO associates were congratulated for creating such an impressive exemplar of corporate biodiversity.

Top Ten Tips below..





Top Ten Tips

- 1) Understand what type of biodiversity your site is suitable for, and if necessary get a professional site survey done
- 2) Employee engagement is paramount, as is buy-in from Senior Management – identify, understand and promote the business benefits to management
- 3) Align the activities to your organisations corporate strategy and commitments.
- 4) Don't take on too much – biodiversity can be done in very small chunks and on small sites
- 5) It doesn't have to be expensive and time consuming – consider low cost/no maintenance items such as Bug / Hedgehog Hotels
- 6) Get Bees as employees ! buy a bee hive, allow a local beekeeper to house his bees on your land, adopt a beehive with the British Beekeeping Association.
- 7) Use your corporate biodiversity as a differentiator in your sector or organisation – seek internal or external awards or become a centre of excellence.
- 8) Consider using corporate biodiversity when remediating areas of your site
- 9) Reduce site management costs by creating biodiversity buffer zones or developing employees to carry out conservation activities.
- 10) Capture the natural capital you have created and saved, carry out surveys, use camera traps and take pictures of the wildlife you share your sites with, then publish them on corporate literature or websites.

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