



## Environmental Business Support Services 21st January 2010 The Whitehouse Hotel



There are a number of environmentally focused business support services out there and it's difficult to know who can deliver what service for your business. The event allowed each of the business support providers to deliver to the audience of companies what they can offer.



### BESST—Andy Whyte, BESST Chair

The event opened with a brief introduction from Andy Whyte. He emphasised the importance of case studies and sharing any resource efficiency improvements with the group.

### Anaerobic Digester—Tony Asson, Harper Adams University College

Tony introduced Harper Adams University College's plans to build an anaerobic digester at the end of this year. He outlined the potential benefits to the university as well as participating companies. The idea is for local companies to dispose of their unwanted food waste to the digester producing electricity for the university and diverting the food from landfill.



### Business Support Services—John Barraclough, Sustainability West Midlands

The event was sponsored by Sustainability West Midlands. John Barraclough introduced the various business support services and stressed the benefits open to local companies.

## Environmental Business Support Services

Various Environmental Support Services were present:

**Business Link West Midlands**-Providing free business environmental diagnosis and specialist advice to suit your needs.

**Envirowise**-Provides free independent advice on how to be more resource efficient.

**NISP**-National Industrial Symbiosis Programme. Aims to improve cross industry resource efficiency through the trading of materials, energy, water and assets.



**WRAP**-Waste and Resources Action Programme. Supports businesses to prevent waste, increase recycling and develop markets for recycled and sustainable products.



**Re: Think Energy**-Capital grants and training scheme for renewable technologies in your business.

**Smarter Working Project**-Supports businesses in the West Midlands to adopt smarter working practices.

**All of the presentations delivered by the support services can be viewed in the download library**

For further information on any of the environmental business support services please contact the BESST Coordinator:

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