



Best Practice Visit – Saint Gobain

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AS PART OF SHARING BEST PRACTICE, SAINT GOBAIN OPENED ITS DOORS TO 21 BESST MEMBERS FOR A TOUR OF THEIR CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THEIR KETLEY SITE.

RICHARD SUMMERS PRESENTED THE HISTORY OF THE SAINT GOBAIN PAM UK SITE AND HOW THEY HAVE ADOPTED CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY BEST PRACTISE FROM OTHER BESST MEMBERS. DR LYNNE BESENYEI, WOLVERHAMPTON UNIVERSITY, GAVE A PRESENTATION ON HOW THE UNIVERSITY ARE DEVELOPING WAYS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WILDFLOWER MEADOWS AND WORK WITH COMPANIES TO IMPROVE THE NATURAL CAPITAL OF THEIR OWN SITES.



RICHARD SUMMERS AND SIMON HIGGINS GAVE A TOUR OF THE WORKS SHOWING HOW SAINT GOBAIN PRODUCTS ARE MADE. THIS ALSO INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE FOUNDRY AREA. THE GROUP THEN WENT TO LOOK AT THE BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE NEST BOXES AND THE POOLS AROUND THE SITE. THEY ALSO EXPLAINED HOW THEY WERE REMEDIATING THEIR LANDFILL SITE THROUGH CREATING A WILDFLOWER MEADOW. THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN FOR THE SITE WAS CREATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SLR CONSULTANCY AND SHROPSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST.

SAINT GOBAIN AS A MEMBER OF BESST, IS EXTOLLING THE VALUE OF NATUAL CAPITAL, CORPORATE BIODIVERSITY AND A VERY POWERFUL POINT MADE BY RICHARD SUMMERS OF SAINT GOBAIN: THE VALUE OF NETWORKING BETWEEN A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION CONSERVATION CHARITY, A UNIVERSITY AND A BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK TO IMPROVE OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE, VALIDATING THE GROWING LINK BETWEEN ECOLOGY AND ECONOMY.



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