

Woodfuel: Fuel for the future?

The counties of the south east are the most wooded in England and have historically provided fuel for homes and industry. In a world where we need to explore a range of alternatives to fossil fuels wood offers several benefits:

- Wood is carbon efficient - growing trees absorb carbon, when we burn wood we release that carbon, which is then re-absorbed as new trees grow;
- As long as woodlands are sustainably managed, woodfuel is a renewable source of energy;
- In substituting for fossil fuels we help mitigate climate change;
- Sensitively managed woods provide a more diverse habitat for our native plants and animals; and
- it can be sourced locally, creating and supporting jobs.

Find out about how you could use and produce woodfuel at our **FREE** workshop at the

Weald Woodfair on Friday 18th September 2009.

www.bentley.org.uk/#/woodfair

A series of short presentations will outline experience of those already involved and this will be complemented by a guided tour to see some of the equipment suitable for the south east's woods (details overleaf)

Woodheat Solutions

The Woodheat Solutions project aims to review the experience gained in Finland and Austria and see how this might help us establish our own industry. Join us and find out more.

Agenda

Note: Attendees will be divided into two groups of no more than 50.

Group 1: Presentations in the morning and the tour of key equipment in the afternoon.

Group 2: Tour of key equipment in the morning and presentations in the afternoon

All attendees to meet at 9.50am in front of the Bentley House.

Presentations: Group 1: 10.00 – 12.30

Group 2: 13.30 – 16.00

- Introduction from Chairman:- **Sally Marsh - Joint Director High Weald AONB**
- Planning and regulation relating to boiler installations: Tom Vosper – CEN (Creative Environmental Networks) www.cen.org.uk/biomass
- Woodland management in the South East: James Noble - Esus Forestry and Woodland www.esusforestry.co.uk
- Grants and support: Gillian Alker and Jane Hull - Forestry Commission SE England www.forestry.gov.uk/southeastengland
- Woodfuel: keeping your customer happy: Julian Morgan-Jones - South East Wood Fuels Ltd www.sewff.co.uk
- Making it happen: *To be confirmed* - Local estate owner who has been using woodchips to heat commercial properties on the estate
- Questions to speakers

Lunch and networking 12.30 – 13.30

Equipment tour: Group 1: 13.30 – 15.30 Group 2: 10.00 – 12.00

- Introduction from Chairman: Matthew Woodcock – Forestry Commission
- Harvesting equipment: Nick Hilton - Woodwise forestry www.woodwiseforestry.co.uk
- Extraction: - *to be confirmed*
- Logs processing: Ken Reid, Jas P Wilson www.jaspwilson.co.uk
- Chipping: Michael Dalrymple - ArborEaters www.arboreaters.co.uk

Booking

If you would like to attend the workshop please contact Heather Pettitt at the Forestry Commission on 01420 23337 or heather.pettitt@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

Places will be allocated to each group on a first come first served basis.