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The FLCZ website logs our activities and the project history:
<http://projectdirt.com/group/furzedown-low-carbon-zone>

Partners & supporters

With many thanks to all these, and more:

Greener Jobs Alliance	Battersea & Wandsworth Trades Union Council
South Thames College	Sustainable Merton
Kingston University	The National Trust's Living Green Centre at Morden Hall
Transition Town Tooting	JoJu Solar
Learning and Skills Improvement Service	Southern Solar
University & College Union	People & Planet
Project Dirt	Change Agents
Graveney School	National Union of Students
Eardley School	Friends of the Earth
Wink Salon, Furzedown	Capacity Global
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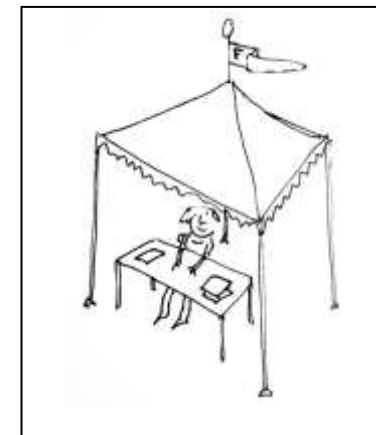


Furzedown Low Carbon Zone

pop-up & drop-in

AGM & Annual Report 15th June 2013

Furzedown Festival's Big Day Out
Furzedown Recreation Ground, SW17



Our purpose

We aim to integrate neighbourhood-level action, community connection, and support for new behaviours alongside the 'hardware' of household and organisation carbon reduction.

How we started

On June 9th 2011 members of the Greener Jobs Alliance (GJA) and Transition Town Tooting (TTT) met to discuss developing the *Furzedown Low Carbon Zone* (FLCZ), with valuable advice from Sustainable Merton where a funded LCZ has been established.

What we did from June 2011-2012

June '11 Formed a steering group (local residents & TTT volunteers)

July '11 Launch of FLCZ at the Furzedown Festival's Big Day Out

Four areas of focus developed:

- 1. Encouraging** local installations of photovoltaic microgeneration panels; six local pv installations were completed by spring 2012
- 2. Facilitating** three series of *Carbon Conversations* workshops
- 3. Publicising** Wandsworth Borough's ongoing RE:NEW project
- 4. Establishing our first funded project with the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS)**

The GJA & South Thames College successfully bid for funding to develop training opportunities for students on green skills in a low carbon economy, with activity in Wandsworth and Merton Boroughs

- A video report of the project is available on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNRx6tNFG8U>
- Two Borough-wide events were held to share learning
- In October 2012 the project received the 'Best Newcomer' **Green Gown Award** from the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges. **Sadiq Khan** presented the award to **Sue Rimmer, Principal of South Thames College**, at the Furzedown Project.

The Award citation described the project as '*an excellent example of a local sustainability alliance: learning with and learning from other organisations and sectors*'

What we did from June 2012 – 2013

The same partners (STC, GJA, FLCZ) made a successful bid for funding for a **second funded project with LSIS** linking experience of employment in community sustainability with students' college courses.

- We commissioned an **energy survey of Eardley School**, providing opportunities for activities by students alongside contractors
- We ran an event at South Thames College looking at the impact of sustainability in the **hair and beauty sector**
- View the student-led video **Better Choices for a Better Tomorrow** at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fxn6SOpqmXA>
- We ran a **dissemination workshop** at South Thames College in April and presented the video at conferences in May and June
- One of the participating STC students developed a project which reached the shortlist of **The Mayor's Low Carbon Prize 2013**

Also:

- Our energy expert conducted 6 free home assessments as part of the **Renewable Heat Initiative** project run with the Energy Saving Trust.
- In March we ran '**Energy We Can All Afford?**' in Furzedown with speakers looking at fuel poverty, energy policy, and local responses, timed with the Energy Bill passing through Parliament
- We considered ways to link a local volunteer programme for the **Tooting Community Garden** to Furzedown's low carbon choices

What we want to do next

- ✓ **We'd like your input** – please come and join the FLCZ steering group!
- ✓ **We're exploring funding routes with a range of partners** for a third project with South Thames College and a University
- ✓ **We're taking part in a SW London exploration of carbon-reduction and energy initiatives** including the Green Deal and the ECO
- ✓ **We're planning** with other groups and enterprises locally to explore opportunities for renewable energy generation
- ✓ **We'll maintain our relationships** with Wandsworth Borough Council via Councillors and members of the Council's specialist teams
- ✓ **We'll continue to support schools and other groups locally**
- ✓ **We'll promote participation in local food growing**