

## CIWM South West Centre Newsletter – May 2019

Welcome to the latest news update from your Centre Council. In this age of information overload, I hope you find the focus on people and ideas of interest and value. If you have any comments or queries, or wish to contribute to or sponsor a future edition, then please get in touch at [southwest@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:southwest@ciwm.co.uk).

### Centre Chair Role & Vision – Hannah Lawrie



I feel very honoured and I am very much looking forward to taking on the role of the SW Centre Chair for the next two years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Poyser for his commitment, hard work and guidance during his 2 years as Chair and to both Ian and Mark Okuniewski (Centre Secretary) in supporting me in the run up to taking on the role.

During my time as Centre Chair, my first aim is to build on the great work Ian achieved during his two-year tenure. In particular, I would like to keep the annual events calendar full of interesting and informative seminars and site visits, and importantly full of opportunities to network and share knowledge and experience. This is particularly important to me as someone who lives but doesn't often get to work in the SW. I really value the friends and colleagues in the SW I have met through CIWM. We will continue to listen to your valuable feedback to ensure we create events that are of most interest to those living / working in the South West to build on the great attendance we have had at recent CIWM events.

Secondly, I fully support CIWM's recently adopted more member focussed approach and will look to support and encourage this through continued active engagement with the region's three New Member Networks (NMNs), our university links and via our new Member Development Executive (MDE) (Kate Cole). I aim to optimise these networks, contacts and resources to continue to build membership and interest in the resources and waste sector.

I would also like to continue down the path of 'practising what we preach'. We have been making strides to reduce single use plastics, unnecessary waste and to reduce the environmental impact of travel to CIWM events by encouraging car sharing and using public transport. There is more we can do. For example, the AGM in April was the last event where we will use paper feedback forms. Future events will use an online feedback format which we hope can generate the same level of highly valued feedback that the paper forms have provided. Your help in making this approach a success will be hugely appreciated.

As ever, your feedback and input is really valuable to ensuring the CIWM SW community continues to thrive. As such, please do not hesitate to contact me at [hannah.lawrie@ricardo.com](mailto:hannah.lawrie@ricardo.com) or via Mark at [southwest@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:southwest@ciwm.co.uk) with your ideas on future events and on how we can improve the work we do for the SW membership.

## **Welcome to Kate Cole, Membership Development Executive**

**I am very excited to take up the role of Membership Development Executive, and to be supporting the South West and the London and Southern Counties Centres!**



This is a new role within CIWM and it sits within the wider Membership Engagement team. My remit will be to help maintain and improve the quality of services provided to our existing members as well as encouraging membership growth and engagement across the two regions.

A key part of the job will be generating new individual members, affiliate organisations and business partners, and I'll be talking to relevant organisations to promote the added value to them and their employees of joining the CIWM.

I will also be supporting the existing membership network; celebrating successes and improving the membership experience. I will be working closely with the Centres and am looking forward to getting involved in the design and delivery of networking, training and development activities.

I've worked within local authority roles for over ten years; initially as a Waste Education Officer, and then as a Waste Minimisation Officer, and until recently I worked for Alupro, which was a membership organisation working to increase the recycling rates of metal packaging. This role took me across the whole of the South of England and Wales, so I hope to be able to build on my existing relationships within the resources industry.

I'm a member of the South West Waste and Recycling Forum and am also a Chartered member of CIWM myself. My personal journey with the CIWM has been hugely beneficial on many levels, and I look forward to sharing my passion for the Institute. In my spare time I love to swim (always keen to hear of new outdoor venues!) I try to garden on clay soil and am a volunteer Master Composter for the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team.

I am really keen to see the CIWM expand on our excellent existing reputation and am interested in new ideas and listening to your thoughts on what you'd like to see us deliver in future. Please drop me a line on [kate.cole@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:kate.cole@ciwm.co.uk) or call 07809 339639.



## THE SW CENTRE SUPPORTS THE WASTE AID SUMMER FUND RAISING APPEAL – “WIDENING THE NET”

At the April meeting & AGM, Centre Councillors Yvonne Pearce and Ian Poyser launched the SW Centre fund raising campaign in support of WasteAid and its vital work in the Cameroon.

### About the Widening the Net programme

There are no collection services in places like Cameroon. People have to deal with rubbish themselves. Most people burn or dump their rubbish in gutters where it causes flooding and poisons well water.

Plastic causes lots of problems. It is one of the most common waste materials in Cameroon, and plastic pollution can be found throughout poor rural villages and large coastal cities. In fact, up to 70% of plastic in the oceans comes from the land, mostly from places with poor waste management.



The Widening the Net programme will train people around the world to set up their own plastic recycling businesses. By capturing ocean bound plastic and turning it into paving tiles and other useful products, people will be empowered to support themselves in the long term. It will help people living in poverty to become self-sufficient and to create a cleaner living environment for future generations.

All public donations given between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> July will be doubled by UK Aid up to £2 million.

### How you can Get Involved

We are planning to raise £1000 here in the south-west, via the SW CIWM Just Giving fundraising page – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-poyser>

There are many ways you can get help us raise our target for example:

- Organise a fundraiser in your workplace or at home – The Cornwall Council waste management team plan to hold a cake-bake sale. Member Kate Cole has pledged to make & sell preserves.
- Organise or take part in a sponsored event – our retired Chair, Ian Poyser plans to run a half marathon and is inviting members to sponsor him
- Ask for a fee/donation to WasteAid when giving talks to community groups - an initiative being taken forward at Somerset Waste Partnership.
- Share the message on social media around your friends and community - Stroud based member Tricia Watson has pledged to spread the message around environmental groups in her area, who most likely will never have heard about the work done by WasteAid.
- Just make an online donation to the SW CIWM fundraising page and remember all donations before 31<sup>st</sup> July will be doubled by UK Aid.

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*£10 doubled could provide training for a family to manage their waste in a safe and sustainable way.*

*£55 doubled could pay for all the safety equipment a new apprentice needs to set up a recycling business.*

*£90 doubled could train someone to capture and recycle 2.5 tonnes of ocean-bound plastic per year.*

*Hoping you will support this campaign and help us reach our local fund-raising target!*

## Resources and Waste Strategy

We know many of you have been busy providing input into the CIWM response and other responses to this land mark consultation. Hannah attended a major CIWM/LetsRecycle event in February on behalf of the South West Centre. The following articles do a great job of summarising the day and the three discussion panels on:

- Consistency
- DRS
- Extended producer responsibility

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/government-aiming-for-strategy-parts-to-mesh-together/>

Discusses issues around consulting on all of these policy changes listed above at once and untangling the interconnectedness and unintended consequences.

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/targets-unachievable-without-non-household-waste/>

Sets out evidence from WRAP on how we may meet 65% recycling targets as part of the consistency panel discussion.

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/concerns-drs-impact-uk/>

Presents highlights on the panel discussion on DRS and its potential structure on implementation and impacts this may have.

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/resources-strategy-consultations-not-the-final-say/>

The 4 Consultations this article discusses (EPR, DRS, Consistency & Plastic Tax) closes shortly.

## **CIWM Members' Council**

As part of the CIWM vision and change programme, a new Members' Council has been created that will be the representative body of the Institution. This will give members a greater say in decision making and ushers in a new era of openness and transparency.

Hannah, as CIWM South West chair, is your representative on the Council and will keep you posted on developments and the best way for you to engage.

The Council has four key functions:

- Providing a structured two-way communication route between members and Centres on one hand; and Trustees and the senior management team on the other
- Providing advice on professional and strategic policy issues
- Facilitating communication between Centres of CIWM, and
- Electing the Junior Vice President.

## **Welcome to new members on Centre Council**

We are very pleased that we have four new co-opted members that each bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to support members and the bolster the strength and diversity of Centre Council.

Details of all Centre Councillors can be found on the web site:

<https://www.ciwm.co.uk/ciwm/member-home/ciwm-memberhome-south-west.aspx>

### **Mark Allen, Allen & Harriss Ltd.**

Mark is a senior manager with over twenty years of experience in public, private and voluntary sector organisations, and is based in Exeter. He is a local authority, environment and waste specialist. He has worked at national, regional and local

level, including county, unitary and district councils, the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, and the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee.

**Samantha Pople, Principal Consultant, SLR Consulting Ltd**

Sam has been working within the waste industry for the last 11 years, 9 of which have been in the Environment Management Permitting and Compliance Team (EMPC) at SLR. Sam is heavily involved with the production and management of a wide variety of complex permit applications, and associated compliance, to a wide range of different waste facilities; from landfills and the deposit of waste for recovery, to plastics recycling and energy recovery facilities.

**Mickey Green, Managing Director, Somerset Waste Partnership**

Mickey was appointed managing director of Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) in September 2017. He is focussed now on mobilising a new collection contractor, implementing an improved service model to recycle even more, refreshing SWP's technology and driving behaviour change amongst Somerset's residents. Mickey previously worked at Somerset County Council, the Department for Communities and Local Government and qualified as a chartered accountant with leading professional services firm, KPMG.

**Wendy Barratt, County Waste Manager, Devon County Council**

Wendy is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Chartered Waste Manager having worked in the waste industry in Local Government for 20 years. As County Waste Manager she heads up the waste management team at Devon County Council. With an annual budget of around £38m and a team of 20 waste professional staff, Wendy has ultimate responsibility for managing over 20 operational contracts delivering a wide range of waste services, including energy recovery, treatment of organic waste and provision of HWRC's etc., as well as promoting behavioural change and waste education.

## **What's been happening?**

We've had a number of well attended and successful regional and NMN events in the past few months including the West of England NMN visit to Carbon8, Avonmouth on the 15<sup>th</sup> March; Peninsular NMN careers event and seminar on plastics at Plymouth in February, and MVV EfW on the 5<sup>th</sup> April; a major seminar in Tiverton on the 8<sup>th</sup> February on the Resources & Waste Strategy; and Red Hot Topics and AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.



***Clare Moakes inspiring students at Plymouth University; and Peninsular NMN members at the award winning MVV EfW CHP plant in Plymouth***

All the presentations, write ups and delegate feedback are available in the SW Resource Library.

### **What's coming up next?**

- We are planning a major joint event with CIWM Cymru/Wales on Health and Safety at Suez EfW plant, Avonmouth on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Booking will open shortly.
- Wessex NMN are planning a site visit to Wyke Farms, Bruton, Somerset in early July. The site has a Sustainable Energy Visitor Centre; and AD plant and cheese manufacturing – all under installation permits. Details to follow soon.
- We are also hoping to arrange a West of England NMN site visit to Recycling Technologies, Swindon in September.
- Litter and Fly Tipping – the Sequel. Peninsular NMN are planning a seminar at Petroc College, Tiverton on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This will review progress since the last gathering on the subject in February 2017 and the Waste Crime seminar in 2018, and bring together multi agency partners and others, including Clean Devon, to find practical solutions to this on-going menace.

If you have any further suggestions on topics you'd like to see covered, or site visits, then please get in touch.

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