

cannot be recycled currently goes to landfill but in future may be shredded and burned. Data from all the sites in Hampshire reveal that peak traffic time are 11am – 12noon and 2 - 3pm. Use is greater at weekends than weekdays and in summer rather than winter. These are different than the school traffic times. The Abbey Park estate had been considered when the site search was done. He stressed that the proposals would go before elected members to be endorsed before the planning process could start.

5) **Energy Efficiency and Sustainability.**

Christine Watkins of the Southampton Environment Centre

The environment centre is an independent charity promoting environmental issues and working with all sorts of organisations. There are 3 divisions

- Energy Efficiency
- Business - helps businesses be environmentally friendly.
- Community - works mostly in regeneration areas in Southampton but also Andover and Romsey (Broadwater estate)

CW introduced her colleague Kirsty Hill and together they gave information about environmental sustainability. If everyone in the world had the lifestyle we have in the South East it would need the resources of 3½ planets. To meet the needs of the present generation without compromising future generations changes must be socially acceptable and environmentally sustainable. Action must be local, national and global.

What can we do? **Reduce. Re-use. Recycle.** Use local produce. Increase energy efficiency.

The Centre works closely with TVBC on matters such as fuel poverty. There was discussion on the Local Strategic Partnership. All local authorities must produce a community strategy with consultation and participation. More participation from community groups is needed and there could be flexibility about ways of getting input e.g. meeting times or virtual input.

Questions were asked about Nuclear Energy, China, plastic and packaging waste; recycling. Some cynicism was expressed since the Test Valley Sustainability Plan (agenda 21) did not seem to have got anything done.

CW noted that China is the world's biggest user of solar power, then gave information about energy efficiency. Measures discussed included wall insulation, roof insulation, double glazing, home audits and grants available. For advice and a free home energy survey use freephone 0800 512012. Those present then joined in a session suggesting easy things to do to save energy and quickly reached savings of £106. Everyone was given an energy saving light bulb.

6) **Any Other Business**

There being no other items the meeting closed.

Romsey Forum – next meeting will be on 22 November 2006

Items include Ian Tripp on water management issues and flood protection

Steve Lees – new planning policy, Debbie Pike – Testway Housing

Steven Dennett (allotments) - Gardener's Question Time

Phoebe Merrick – issues arising from Look at Romsey project

Meeting dates for 2007 - 14 March, 20 June, 19 September and 21 November

All meetings are at the Town Hall and start at 7.30pm