



Environment Matters – 17th November 2006

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Climate bill sets carbon target** A climate change bill will make the UK government's long-term goal of a 60% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 a legally binding target. The bill, outlined in the Queen's Speech, will also establish a "Carbon Committee" to ensure the target is met. ([BBC News 15/11/06](#))
- **Homes carbon cutting potential - report** Residential energy saving measures could cut millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions and save householders billions in fuel bills, a new Government report has shown this week. The initial report from the Review of the Sustainability of Existing Buildings found that practices as simple as cavity wall insulation could help contribute to the green benefits if implemented on a widespread basis. ([Green Consumer Guide 09/11/06](#))
- **All business must be green business Miliband tells EIC** The environment industry is no longer a niche market and must become the norm for every business in every sector if we are to live up to the challenges posed by climate change and diminishing finite resources, according to the Secretary for the Environment. ([EDIE 10/11/06](#))
- **Major UK retailers and brands urged to stand up and be counted on packaging and food waste** The critical role played by supermarkets in helping consumers to reduce the environmental impact of their weekly shopping came under the spotlight today when the UK's top 13 grocery retailers met with Ben Bradshaw, Minister for Local Environment, and Jennie Price, Chief Executive of WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) ([DEFRA 13/11/06](#))
- **Celebs behind green changes, says study** The UK's celebrities are one of the major reasons behind a public shift towards environmentally friendly behaviour in Britain, a newly published study has claimed. The report, commissioned on behalf of recycled toilet tissue producer Nouvelle, found that increasing public awareness on green topics coincides with a growing number of celebrities backing eco-friendly ventures ([Green Consumer Guide 13/11/06](#))
- **Polluting cars face charge rise** Vehicles causing the most pollution in central London are to face huge increases in the congestion charge, London Mayor Ken Livingstone has announced. The daily charge for vehicles in carbon emissions band G, which includes some 4x4s, is to rise to £25 from 2009. ([BBC News 14/11/06](#))
- **Siberian 'heatwave' keeps bears from sleep** Siberia is basking in its warmest November for 70 years, putting its permafrost, wildlife and even the human population at risk. Russian scientists gave warning yesterday that southern Siberia, already known as one of the fastest warming regions on the planet, is facing grave consequences as a result of the unnaturally temperate start to its typically harsh winter. ([Daily Telegraph 17/11/06](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has started Phase 3 of the two-year de-silting project for Urban Splash at their Imperial Tobacco site in Bristol. The project adopts new techniques for on-site de-watering of potentially contaminated silt from the site's lake. The solution Aardvark has designed and developed is called 'Gtubing'. The process allows large volumes of silt to be rapidly dewatered and conditioned in large specifically designed geotextile 'Gtubes' before being re-used on site as part of the landscaping scheme.
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And finally

- **Crisp packets recycled as band seeks CD covers** A band looking to pay more than lip service to environmental issues has found a creative solution to covering its CDs - by using inside-out crisp packets. ([EDIE 15/11/06](#))