

**February 2007**

## Technical Seminar

### Designing Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

**Date:** 15th March 2007  
**Time:** 9.00am to 5pm  
**Venue:** Wildlife Trust offices at Cambourne  
(10miles west of Cambridge)  
The Manor House, Broad Street,  
Great Cambourne, CB3 6DH.  
Tel. 01954 713500



#### Access:

**Car:** Parking/direction details will be forwarded once booking received.  
**Bus -** Regular bus services from Cambridge (citi 4);  
**Cycle -** Ample parking at WT office.  
Disabled access

*Please note that it may be possible to organise lifts - contact your eabli team for more info - eabli@yahoo.co.uk*

Sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) are arguably one of the most significant developments in urban drainage for many years. There is a growing appreciation of the contribution that SUDS can potentially make to aid the management of the risks from surface water runoff and where possible also provide amenity, wildlife and other environment enhancement.

Concerns about climate change, flood risk management and the need to respond proactively has resulted in significant advances in this field. Growing international experience of the benefits and the use of SUDS have led to a re-definition of good practice and a greater understanding of the basic principles.

#### Seminar lead tutor: **Bob Bray, Robert Bray Associates**

Bob is a landscape architect, who has been prominent in the design, management and promotion of SUDS since 1996, and developed an environmental approach to managing rainfall. He was responsible for the inception of SUDS guidance at South Gloucestershire Council and the design of two early SUDS "demonstration sites" at Oxford and Hopwood motorway service areas in England. Bob has also designed SUDS for housing, schools, wildlife sites, commercial development and public parks.

He has also been involved in the development of training programmes and publications and was co-author of SUDS hydraulic, structural and water quality advice.

#### Anticipated Programme

- Introduction to SUDS
- Planning, adoption, and maintenance issues
- Case study "Cambourne"
- Guided walkabout in Cambourne including review of wildlife contribution
- Design of SUDS - including resolution of problem areas
- Open discussion

**Booking:** £55.00/pp inc. lunch and refreshments (Students £40/pp)- please book your places by 9 March; (any special dietary requirements etc - please advise) - Please send your details and a cheque made payable to 'EABLI' to Chris Thompson at Bee Hive Villa, 1 West Road, Histon, Cambs CB4 9LH.

## EABLI AGM and Talk

Those present at the EABLI AGM and talk by Katherine Moore in November enjoyed an interesting and stimulating evening with lively discussion and an alternative perspective on the landscape. Katherine put forward ideas and theories that challenge the way we assess and approach the work that we do with a view to developing our understanding of how best to teach Landscape Architecture to future generations. Her alternative views encouraged some interesting debate and members were left with plenty to think and talk about.

Prior to this the EABLI AGM took place and our continuing Chair, Carolin Göhler gave a brief overview of the year just past and the events that took place. Chris Thompson went through the accounts and reported that we are not only in credit, but quite healthy, so good news all round! There were a few changes to those involved with the committee, including the resignation of Dinah Higgins who has contributed much valued time and effort - our thanks go to her. The committee members are now as follows:

**Chair:** Carolin Göhler

**Treasurer:** Chris Thompson (email - [beehivevilla@waitrose.com](mailto:beehivevilla@waitrose.com))

**Secretaries:** Lucy Batchelor-Wylam and Vibeke Flatman

**Branch Rep:** Maggie Claridge

**Members:** Rachel Bodiam, Abby Jones, John Tierney, Christine Fisher and Kirsten Bowden

The minutes from the AGM will be posted on the EABLI website shortly.

## Branch Forum Meeting (6th Feb 2007)

### Proposed Changes to Branch Boundaries

One of the messages that came from the branches in the good governance review was that branch boundaries should be restructured to match the 9 government regions. The effects to us in EABLI of this proposal are that we would gain Essex and Hertfordshire, who are currently in the South east region, and our member numbers would rise from 168 to 218. The south east would gain Hampshire and Oxfordshire but lose the London members who will become a new region.

### Education and CPD

Sue Beard talked to us about CPD and lifelong learning.. We are each required to undertake a minimum of 20hrs CPD but she said that our system is out of step with other professionals, as we have no formalised CPD provision. Each branch is to send out a questionnaire to all members based on a format used by the North West Branch (format to be sent to us from the LI) to see what members want. Each branch will then collate the information before the end of March 2007 and return to Sue.

### Marco Forgione.

Marco told us that 88% of LI members are not involved with the Landscape Institute. The vast majority want more communication from the LI so he said he welcomed feedback from members on the various publications. So let him know what you think of the revised Journal. He re-iterated his desire for uniformity within Branch web-sites and the importance of using the same Logo's and font type as the LI in order to keep the 'brand image'. For further information please contact David Burton at the LI.

### Schools

Sue Beard told us that she wants each Branch to appoint a Branch Careers Co-ordinator. We need to develop a Branch Action Plan to get to as many schools as possible to spread the word about Landscape Architecture as a career. The LI have a selection of handouts and brochures available for us to hand out so we simply have to ask for them.

Margaret Claridge EABLI Branch Representative

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## Showcase your work!

If you have any pictures or articles, which could be interesting to publish on the net, we would also like to hear from you. In addition to this EABLI is, at the moment, revising its website, and therefore we would like to hear your views on how it could be improved. Please contact Christine Fisher at [cmf.landscape@btinternet.com](mailto:cmf.landscape@btinternet.com) or Ian Kay at [ian.kay1@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.kay1@btinternet.com)

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