



### \* Exciting Times for Sundance Renewables \*

Hot off the press! Sundance has taken over an existing large scale biodiesel plant in Tredegar that recently went into receivership. With the support of the Good Fuel Co-operative, we have put down a deposit for assets, taken up the tenancy and applied for the transfer of the environmental permit which will take approx 2 months.



Our new project site!

Meanwhile, we are flat out raising finance and working capital – it is an opportunity too good to miss. This purpose built plant has a maximum capacity of 10 million litres/year and will enable us to become a much stronger player to advocate for ethical sustainable biofuels. Surplus profit will be invested in other social enterprises.



Our new plant

### Progress with installation of new Sundance plant



Meanwhile Sundance plant makes steady progress...

Progress on installing our bigger vessels is...still progressing. Ed still reckons we're 6 months away. We have had to stall our permit variation in order to include the new proposal for change of ownership of our site.

Sundance is also in the process of negotiating the purchase of our premises so exciting times ahead! Our landlords, with whom we currently share occupancy, are building new offices on the land adjacent.

We hope to arrange a mortgage with the Ecology Building Society or a loan with Triodos. It is a great opportunity for Sundance and we will be able to ask our current landlords for rent once the deal is done and the building of their new premises is under way.

We anticipate having the whole building to ourselves in a year's time – in the meantime we will have an income from rent and plenty of time to plan

for the new space. The balcony area overlooking the biodiesel processors will be ideal for educational visits, for instance.

We envisage a lot of scope for innovation in recycled environmental goods and services and would encourage like-minded organisations to rent some space with us.

Over the last 6 months there has been upheaval in the biodiesel industry in Wales, with two well established biodiesel manufacturers going out of business. This was largely due to the tactics of certain oil suppliers hiking their prices and their support of biodiesel manufacturers who disadvantage other producers by selling at a loss.

When we were selling our biodiesel considerably cheaper than forecourt fossil diesel, we were overwhelmed with demand and we must apologise again to all our loyal customers who were made to order in advance.

When the price of fossil diesel then peaked at around 130ppl we put up our price. The price of forecourt fuel has since gone back down but our costs have not.

We have seen our sales of biodiesel drop recently – but we are still selling all we produce and giving our customers a more reliable service...no more orders in advance – **so please come along and fuel up!**

### ...Sad goodbyes...

We were sad to say "adios" to Walter, our student placement from Italy and also Elgan who has gone on to study a Masters degree at Swansea University. Best of luck to both of them and our thanks for the much needed sunshine they have brought into our lives over the wet summer.



Walter our Italian intern

Welcome aboard Connla, our new part time driver helping with the oil collections. Connla has been a loyal Friend of Sundance for many years and we think he's a real Sundancer!

Welcome also Rachel from Grovesend who organises the

Produce Market there, with the help of her partner, Al. They have also been Friends of Sundance from the early years, since 2004. Rachel has just completed her Masters in Sustainable Development Advocacy and has joined us as a part-time co-worker helping with all those grant/loan applications and future proposals.

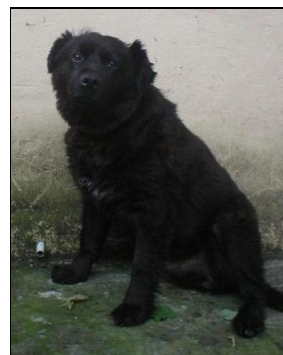
**If you are able to help us raise finance, please do not hesitate to get in touch!**

In these days of uncertain global economics let's stick to the knitting, as co-operatives say.



Most people need fuel and by supporting local social enterprises to help make low carbon fuel available to more people, we can help the environment as well as each other.

You know what you are getting with Sundance – fuel made by co-op hands – fuel with a face. We work hard for a living and try to be as ethical as possible, all down the line. We may take risks but we place social values above monetary profit and we certainly aren't fat cats!



No fat cats here...

**\*\* Thanks once again to all our loyal friends and supporters - we look forward to taking you forward with us as we continue our exciting journey ahead \*\***

## Would you like to set up a Community Recycling Point for used cooking oil?

EVERY LITRE WILL HELP!

To set up a community collection point is simple. All that is needed is a box or other container, located so local people can bring their sealed containers of used cooking oil. We provide a poster to put on the box. When the box is nearly full, let us know and we will arrange to come and collect the oil. We can provide you with a "Waste Transfer Note" in order to show the oil has been disposed of in an environmental and sustainable way and we will make a suitable donation to your community organisation.

Please contact us on 01269 842 401 or email us at [info@sundancerenewables.org.uk](mailto:info@sundancerenewables.org.uk) to make any necessary arrangements. Thank you in anticipation.

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