



Edward Spacey and Sam Goodall – June 2013

Location: Southend on Sea



Southend on Sea



CREST and Southend

Southend on Sea Borough Council is a unitary authority.

Located 43 miles from London.

Won Council of the Year in 2012.

Population 175,000.

55 schools located in the Borough.

73,000 homes and most densely populated urban area in the UK outside of London.

London Southend International Airport.

Home to the world's longest pleasure pier.

Low-Carbon Aspirations

- The Council aims to ensure that low-carbon and sustainable considerations are embedded into the Council's strategy, policy framework and decision making processes.
- This approach is intended to secure a better and more sustainable future for its residents, businesses and communities.
- It will also make Southend on Sea attractive to investment and benefit from the growth of the low-carbon and environmental sector.

Objectives

- Work closely with Temple Sutton & CESI to create a Living Lab as a template for broader interaction with educational institutions (UK & France).
- Further develop a low-carbon school engagement toolkit.
- Develop low-carbon governance capacity within schools and local authorities.
- Share funding & delivery models for low-carbon & environmental investment between CREST partners.
- Explore the development of a CREST 'delivery unit' and 'pipeline' of renewable/low-carbon projects.

Living Labs



Temple Sutton
Primary School
(and Nursery)

- 834 pupils
- Ages 5-11



Living Labs: Actions

- Data sharing of Southend EMS with schools.
- Establish a communication & marketing strategy via Schools Learning Network – share best practice with CREST Partners.
- Evidence based investment decision making for Governors and other key decision-makers.
- Ensure curriculum integration and instigate behavioural change initiatives via Climate Smart Hubs and learning programme.

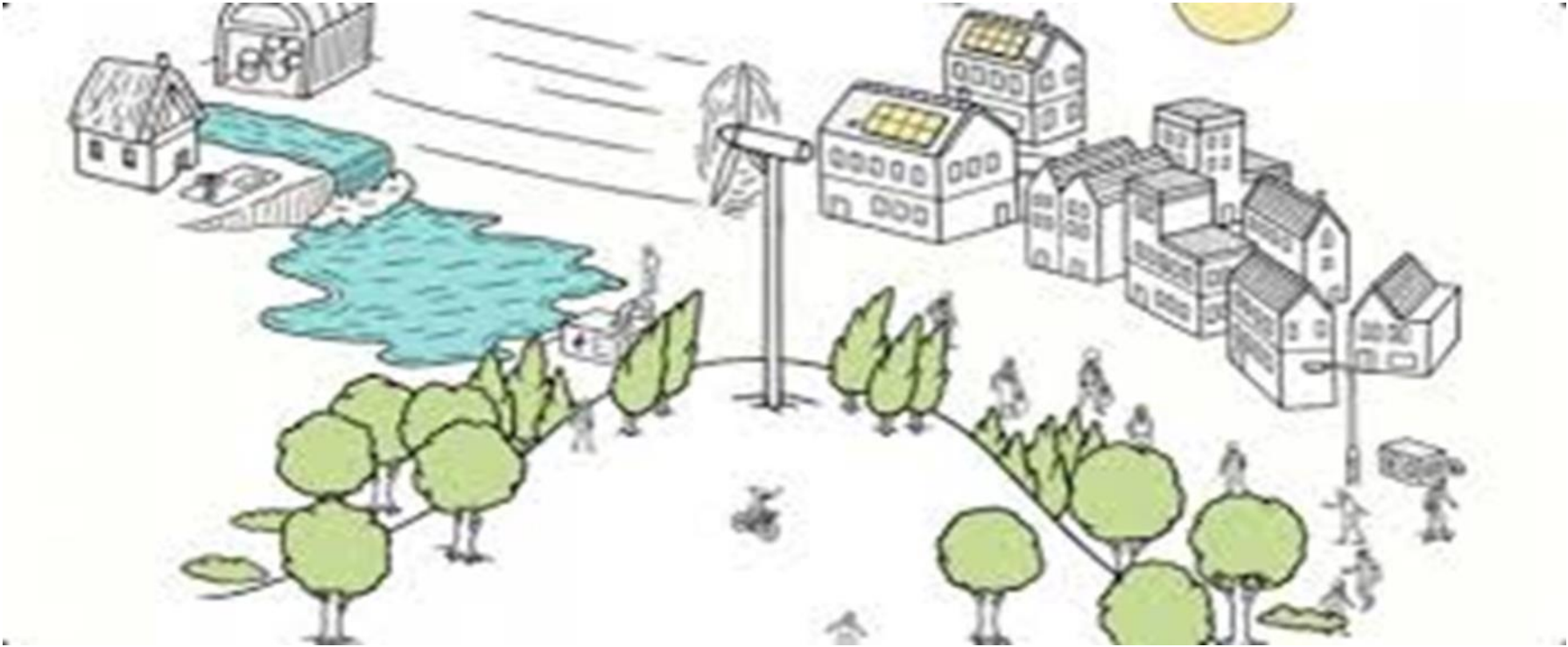
Education & Skills



Education & Skills: Actions

- Build on best practice for school engagement low-carbon & sustainability.
- Establish a network of 'Climate Smart Hubs' to share and distribute CREST information.
- Create school engagement toolkit and pathways to sustainability workflow.
- Research opportunities for FE and HE institutions.
- Capacity building workshops (all levels).
- Annual sustainability conference (March 2014).

Community Outreach



Community Outreach: Actions

- Deliver a community outreach programme via the project's Climate Smart Hubs.
- Explore School Co-op energy projects through volunteer led initiatives and external engagement activities.
- Share best practice with CREST Partners.
- Establish knowledge-share network for CREST Partners to support this work stream and benefit through the development of a CSR/volunteer programme.

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