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Thank you to everyone who attended our January 11, 2009 Sustainable Burien Gathering!!!!!!

Our next gathering will be on February 8th from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the KCLS Burien Library (doors open at 1:30pm). **Please note – gatherings are now on the second Sunday of each month starting at 2:00 PM.**

At our January gathering Aaron Campbell from Campbell Energy (<http://campbell-energy.com/>) talked about how he got involved with sustainability. You can put as much effort into it as you're comfortable with. It can range from installing solar panels or solar water heaters to just sorting your garbage properly, every bit counts. Of course sustainability is a huge part of his life and his enthusiasm was contagious. After his talk there was a question and answer session. Then we had a large group discussion of old and new topics. Aaron commented afterwards that he was impressed and amazed by the level of participation and enthusiasm.

**P-Patches:** A group of people are continuing to work on setting up some community gardens. They've identified some potential locations and are researching some of the legal issues. There's a lot of interest from different groups and organizations outside of Sustainable Burien, so this project is looking very good.

**New bike lanes/paths:** Another group is looking into having some sort of ceremony/celebration for the opening of the new bike lanes in the Burien area. They are hoping to tie it in with the Bike Race at the Burien Strawberry Festival and/or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Logos for Sustainable Burien:** Tom Spohn said that he would work on designing some prototype Logos. One use for a Logo would be to show endorsement of Sustainable Businesses in Burien. We are planning to develop a Survey to identify businesses using Sustainable practices so that we can give them recognition for it. Meanwhile we'd like anyone with artistic talent to submit logos if they're interested.

**2009 Strawberry Festival:** Discussion continued on ways we can get involved. Any Pod or individuals that are interested will need to make a commitment soon, and start planning what they're going to do and how they're going to make sure they have enough people to cover both days of the festival. We intend to have at least one Sustainable Burien Booth, possibly more. One of the things discussed was having an Interactive Map where people could mark their home or work location and see what sort of sustainable activities are available near by. We're going to work with the Parks Dept on Festival Wide Recycling/Composting. Part of that process would involve providing and/or coordinating Recycling Stewards to monitor each station and help educate people about the process. We'd also like to work with the Parks Department to coordinate the location of vendors for maximum sustainability.

The format of the gatherings for 2009 has been changed to include a speaker, movie, and/or a demonstration at each gathering, then some group discussion. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please let the group know. Pods are encouraged to meet between gatherings and report at the monthly gatherings. They could also be the source of some of the demonstrations. For the next few months a portion of each gathering will also be dedicated to preparing for Sustainable Burien's participation in the Burien Strawberry Festival in June 2009.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone on February 8th from 2:00 – 4:00pm (doors open at 1:30pm).

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