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Breaking new ground for Sustainable Construction in Cornwall

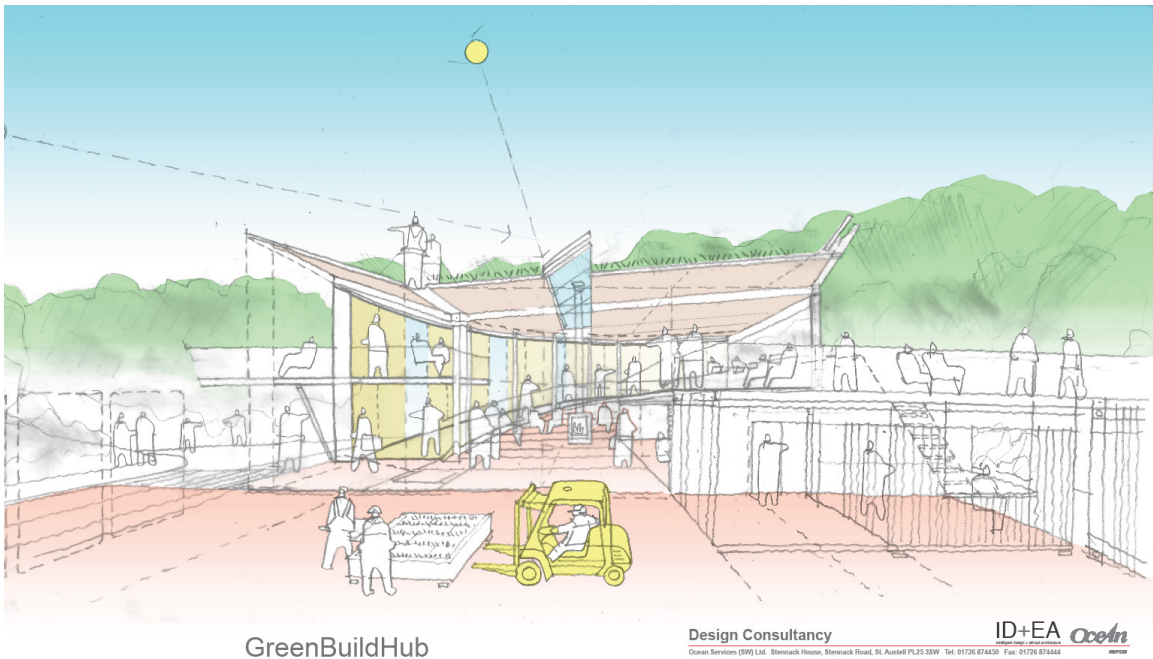
The First Collaborators' Meeting for this exciting new project at Eden was held on site yesterday. Local companies in sustainable construction and green build are collaborating with Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust to build the Green Build Hub. Paul Bright, of CSBT said "It is incredible that in an economic downturn so many local companies are willing to donate their expertise and services to make this project a success."

The Green Build Hub will be located at The Eden Project bringing together green build specialists within Cornwall and will be project managed by CSBT, Ocean Services and the Eden Project. Plans for the design of the Hub are currently being finalised and talks with Cornwall Council Planning are taking place. The final design will achieve a BREEAM outstanding rating, which is the current industry standard for the environmental performance of the building. It will be highly energy efficient in its build and operation.

The space is being designed and built as an exemplar sustainable building exercise and that will demonstrate tangibly what can and is being done in Cornwall to improve the sustainability of construction in the region and beyond. It will be University monitored and used for training, awareness raising and sharing of best practice. All collaborators will be able to use the facility to engage with the public.

CSBT wants to work with all parties who are in the business of providing sustainable and replicable solutions, to demonstrate how we can effectively adapt our buildings and lifestyles to climatic changes and resource depletion.

Despite huge local expertise, there is nowhere in Cornwall where the Green Build suppliers can engage the public with this knowledge. The Green Build Hub will provide a shop window where the public can easily relate green techniques to their own lives and properties. The products being used within the building and on display will be constantly updated, as new and exciting innovations come into the market. CSBT will have a learning base that partners and public can share and utilise. The partners and collaborators will have a base from which they can demonstrate their products and talk to the public.



NOTE TO EDITORS:

ABOUT CSBT

Our Vision : Is of a Cornwall where hard to heat and treat homes are in the past and where all Cornwall's buildings are healthy sustainable and environmentally enhancing.

Our Mission : CSBT exists to influence and support decision making and to raise awareness of all aspects of sustainable building in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly; to guide procurement and to deliver the Trust's vision and so minimize the impacts of construction on the environment.

Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust has established itself in the last decade as the catalyst in Cornwall for progressing sustainable construction. With over 1000 associates and a history of major influence on companies and organisations locally, regionally and nationally; its aim is to work with all parties towards the common aim of Sustainability. Since 2002 CSBT has been preparing the ground for this development.

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