

Can the Circular Economy Save Britain's Food and Farming Industry?

Wednesday 12th September | 12:15 – 15:00
Dining Room A, Palace of Westminster, SW1A 0AA
Chaired by Barry Sheerman MP

The All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group is hosting a University of Exeter event on **Food and the Circular Economy - South West**; a two-year research project exploring the opportunities available to, and challenges faced by, small and medium-sized enterprises in the food and beverages manufacturing industry as they transition towards the circular economy.

Agenda

12:15	Registration and lunch reception
13:00	Welcome and introduction by Barry Sheerman MP
13:10	Introduction from CE project principal investigator - Prof Steffen Boehm
13:20	'The CE project & implications for the agri-food sector' - Prof Mickey Howard
13:30	Kerry McCarthy MP
13:45	Presentation by Proper Cornish founder and Chairman Phil Ugalde
14:00	Parliamentarian speaker TBC
14:15	Closing remarks and Q&A
15:00	Event finishes

Chair - Barry Sheerman MP



Barry Sheerman is the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Huddersfield, and Chairman and co-founder of Policy Connect. Formerly Chairman of the House of Commons Select Committee for Children, Schools and Families from 2007 and the Education and Skills Committee from 2001-2007, he is co-chair or member of several of the groups within the Policy Connect network, including the APSRG, APMG, APDIG and Skills Commission. An energetic social and political entrepreneur, he has initiated over 30 different social enterprises over the past 20 years.

Speaker Biographies

Steffen Böhm, CE Project Principal Investigator, University of Exeter Business School



Steffen Böhm is Professor in Organisation & Sustainability and Director of the Sustainability & Circular Economy Research Cluster at University of Exeter Business School. He holds a PhD from the University of Warwick, and is a Fellow at the Royal Society. His research focuses on the political economy & ecology of the sustainability transition. He has published five books and his latest one, *Renewable Energy Activism* is forthcoming with Cambridge.

Professor Mickey Howard, University of Exeter Business School



Mickey Howard is Professor of Supply Chain Management at the University of Exeter Business School. Informed by 10 years industrial experience in product design, his academic career began in 1999 at the University of Bath, and has since worked with organizations such as BAE Systems, British Energy, Eden Project, Fiat, Ford, Volvo and numerous SMEs. He is a founder member of the Exeter Centre for Circular Economy and a regular speaker at international conferences.



Kerry McCarthy MP



Kerry McCarthy MP is the Member of Parliament for Bristol East, and was first elected in 2005. Kerry was the first vegan MP in the House of Commons and has been a vegan for more than 25 years. She is a member of the Environmental Audit and the Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs Select Committees, as well as Chair of the Agroecology and Food Waste All-Party Parliamentary Groups. She previously served as Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Sep 2015 – June 2016).

Phil Ugalde, Chairman, Proper Cornish Food Company



Phil Ugalde is Chairman of the Proper Cornish Food Company. He has been in the food manufacturing industry for over twenty years, and has a passion for Cornwall and the food it produces. Phil grew up on a farm near Liskeard and is a qualified agricultural engineer and spent his life in the motor trade until 1987. He is currently Vice Chair of the Cornwall Agri-Food Council, and Chairman of the Bodmin Food Cluster.

About the project

About Circular Economy (CE) research at the University of Exeter

Until now, the principles and practices for achieving CE have been little explored within the food and beverages industry. The opportunities are probably substantial in this industry due to the ubiquity and severity of its negative economic, environmental and social impacts. These encompass the intensive use of land, water, energy and raw materials; toxic emissions to water and air; as well as vast packaging and food waste arisings, including significant losses of product and value across the supply chain. At the same time, the industry is vulnerable to many external factors from changing climates, land use and seasonality to perturbations in cost and availability of raw materials, energy, water, labour and other inputs.

Many innovations are now available, or in development, to mitigate these impacts and help manufacturers retain value in their processes. These approaches include the reprocessing of waste, by-products and surpluses into new products; packaging innovations; the installation of renewable heat and energy technologies; and sophisticated IT-based systems to streamline supply chains. **But**



SMEs are often unable to access, and benefit from these innovations, due to limited financial, technical and other resources.

This two-year research project led by the University of Exeter Business School explores how SMEs in the food and beverage manufacturing industry can **move towards the CE, the benefits of the transition and what helps or hinders progress**. Working closely with a small number of selected small-medium enterprises across Devon, Dorset and Cornwall's bakery processing and dairy sectors, an interdisciplinary team of researchers is using various business management techniques as well as sophisticated computer models to examine opportunities for CE to eliminate waste and generate cleaner growth and resilience. The work is being funded by the **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**.

ATTENDEES

First Name	Surname	Organisation
Jacob	Ainscough	Policy Connect
Matthew	Anderson	University of Portsmouth
Rose	Baldwin	Future Scales
Margaret	Bates	University of Northampton
Joe	Bennett	University of York
Martijn	Bergmans	Netherlands Embassy
Ryan	Bhambra	Pale Green Dot
Jean	Billant	Advance London
Steffen	Boehm	University of Exeter
Annabel	Cole	
Jayne	Cox	Brook Lyndhurst
Amanda	Curtis	M&S
Manoj	Dora	Brunel University
Mark	Du'chesne	Real Ideas Organisation
Dan	Eatherley	University of Exeter
John	Farmer	
Joanna	Furtado	Policy Connect
Joan	Grant	
Tania	Han	
Bas	Harbers	Netherlands Embassy
Ella	Hill	
Michael	Howard	University of Exeter
Lee	Humphreys	Cornwall Council
William	Hyslop	Newgate Communications
Malte	Jansen	Imperial College London
Peter	Lee	Oakdene Hollins



Han	Lim Wei	
Matt	Lobley	University of Exeter
Liz	Lowe	Coca-Cola
Kate	Mackenzie	
Rajiv	Maher	
Patrick	Mahon	
Emily	Mason	Adas
David	Monciardini	University of Exeter
Catherine	Moncrieff	WWF
Zaneta	Muranko	The Bond Group
Navonil	Mustafee	University of Exeter
Darryl	Newport	University of East London
James	O'Mahony	
Floriane	Ortega	
Rajendra	Patel	
Stephen	Roscoe	Grundon Waste Management Ltd.
Catherine	Rubbens	Bioregional
David	Ryan	Toast Ale
Natalie	Smith	WWF
Paule	Stephenson	Sustainable Orchard
Ben	Stephenson	Sustainable Orchard
Sagar	Sumaria	
Berill	Takacs	UCL
Andrew	Turner	Newgate Communications
Susan	Twining	CLA
John	Twitchen	
Philip	Ugalde	Proper Cornish
Lydia	Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia	University of Exeter
Evelien	van Leeuwen	Netherlands Embassy
Oliver	Watson	Defra
Rupert	Wyllie	Wyllie Projects
Louisa	Ziane	Toast Ale



About the APSRG

The APSRG is the leading forum informing the debate between parliamentarians, business leaders and the sustainable resource community on the crucial policy issues affecting sustainable resource management in the UK.

Through its parliamentary events, policy briefings, and research programme, the Group provides an invaluable forum of knowledge and platform for engagement in this vital field at a time when the sustainability agenda is of pressing importance; facilitating relationship building and generating a forward-thinking policy debate.

[Policy Connect](#) runs the secretariat for the APSRG. Policy Connect is a not-for-profit, cross party network of all-party groups, forums and campaigns working to inform and improve UK public policy.

You can find out more about the group's work and upcoming events by visiting

<http://www.policyconnect.org.uk/apsrg>

How to contact us:

You can contact the APSRG at:



apsrg@policyconnect.org.uk

julieta.cuneo@policyconnect.org.uk



@APSRG



APSRG, Policy Connect, 32-36 Loman Street, Southwark, SE1 0EH,
Tel. 0207 202 8571



@APSRG | @Policy_Connect | @circularfoodSW | @UofEBusiness

Joining instructions

The event will be held in Dining Room A, Westminster Palace, SW1A 0AA. To access, please enter the palace through the **Cromwell Green/ Visitors entrance at Location #8** on this map below (also available at: <https://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/faxmap.pdf>) Once through security, please make your way to the dining rooms (the path is clearly signalled, and staff are always willing to point visitors in the right direction). Please allow 15/20 minutes for security checks.

