

Summary and Next Steps from Buildability in Design Networking Event on 28th March 2011

Summary

- The group demonstrated energy and commitment to achieving safer and better designs.
- Agreed there is a need to find better ways of achieving these ends.
- Recognition that there is a lot of overlap in what we are doing – can we be brave enough to handover some of our ‘life’s work’ and use the resource released to greater effect?
- We must do something different to have an effect.
- Recognition that some of the issues raised have been mentioned many years ago but never solved. What are the barriers?
- Who else should be involved as opposed to be kept in the communication loop. CIBSE, CIOB, IOSH, Constructing Excellence were mentioned. NOTE: to date we have tried to keep the attendee list to those doing something in this area rather than having an interest.
- Have we sufficiently defined the problem we are trying to fix? Suggestion at the event was “Provide good, practical ideas, guidance and tools (which help us in our projects) which reaches a much wider designer audience”. Does this sufficiently cover tertiary education?
- Don’t be afraid to sell the merits of good design on it’s holistic benefits i.e. not just safety but better cost, programme, quality and aesthetics.
- Focus - must be to make designer’s jobs easier. Avoid duplication and not re-invent the wheel.



Agreed Next Steps

Work Stream 1 (Short Term)	Work Stream 2 (Long Term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group of volunteers to be put together to keep the initiative live and keep momentum • Main action – Use Design Best Practice website to act as a one-page portal to all organizations. There are no obstacles or permissions needed to make this happen. Suggest Step 1 – to gather together all information available on various websites and Step 2 – to look at reducing the overlap and make the information easy to find and retrieve. • Start to look at what exactly are we trying to fix (see summary above). • Propose a good name for a combined group. Branding is important. • Feedback progress and suggestions to the main group via forum. • Meet within 1 month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All attendees to go back to their groups to reflect, have dialogue and to measure the appetite to change on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are you prepared to release and what are you prepared to take on in overlapping areas? - Is there a commitment for collaboration and what ideas are there for the shape of this group going forward? - Generally discuss the issues raised in the summary above. • ICE volunteered to host a forum to post ideas and discussion during the interim period before we next meet. • Have another event in 6 months time to report on progress made – 27th September 2011

AstraZeneca agreed to host future events at Alderley Park for as long as it takes.