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JANUARY

Retrofitting the nation – as easy as it sounds?

A look at the task of retrofitting the UK's existing stock.

Zero carbon – zero hope?

The delay in defining 'zero carbon' is causing a stir in the building industry. A look at how this might affect the UK's 2016 targets.

FEBRUARY

Greening the rental sector

New regulation under the Green Deal will see landlords held to account on the energy efficiency of their properties. A point-of-view article from a landlord on how easy or difficult this may be.

Tax incentives for energy efficient investment

A look at the incentives for moving to energy efficient measures in the commercial and residential sectors.

MARCH

Ecobuild roundup

A review of Ecobuild 2011 to be written by *Sustainable Building* journalists with boxes for innovative new products/designs/companies on show to be profiled. Priority will go to advertisers.

Wool – natural fibre for a man-made world

Fabric Energy Efficiency aspect to the Code for Sustainable Homes encourages developers and builders to choose more efficient materials. A look at how wool meets the criteria.

APRIL

Solar in the UK

A look at how consumers might bend the conventions of solar thermal panels.

Sustainable concrete?

Concrete is often given a bad rep for its sustainability. But the sector has been winning awards for sustainability, showing positive developments for this heavily-used material.

MAY

Sustainability Live! roundup

A review of Sustainability Live! 2011 to be written by *Sustainable Building* journalists, with boxes for innovative new products/designs/companies on show to be profiled. Priority will go to advertisers.

Shipping container housing – fad or future?

A look at how this trend has taken off over the past decade, and where it's headed.

JUNE

European building methods

Passivhaus is currently the most popular adopted building method from overseas. A look at how the UK has adopted and adapted overseas methods, and whether they'll ever completely take over traditional UK building.

Sustainable steel

The steel industry is still going strong, and is fighting its corner on green credentials – with expert comment.

JULY

Smart buildings - do we need them?

Should we expect our buildings to work for us, or is it time we changed our behaviour in the fight to overcome high emissions? With expert comment.

Hempcrete

How this sustainable material is gaining ground in the UK. A look at projects that are using the material.

AUGUST

Measuring office sustainability

A look at all of the current regulation that builders, architects, planners and developers face in complex office projects.

Sustainable skills

The launch of a number of green-tech colleges shows the growing need for energy efficient skills in the sector. How well is the UK prepared?

SEPTEMBER

Passivhaus in schools

A Wolverhampton school built to Passivhaus standards is set to open autumn 2011 – a look at how this project was implemented.

Construction recycling

What are the best recycled materials to use in a new build project? Which are the most reliable in life span, and which are best to stay away from?

OCTOBER

Building biomass

Could bioenergy be implemented into large-scale buildings or is it suited to just domestic level? Which types show most promise? Biofuel crops? Waste products?

Green roofs in the City – upping London's air quality?

In a city that has the poorest air quality in the EU, we look to see if the green roofs in London are helping.

NOVEMBER

Sustainable town centres

Councils all over the country are making efforts to make their town sustainable. How are they doing it, and what are the key challenges to wide-scale implementation?

Sustainable urban drainage systems

A look at the importance of sustainable urban drainage systems, and which ones can be implemented most easily into plans.

DECEMBER

Practical prefabrication

Prefabricated building designers and contractors seem to be gaining ground and clients, so what are they doing right? With a look at a case study to illustrate the prefab process.

Ecological interiors

Once the frame of a building is deemed sustainable, what about the inside? A look at the options for creating a sustainable interior, including lighting systems and wall coverings.

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