

Strawbale Building UK est 2015

Practitioners + Designers + Academics + Enthusiasts + Trainers



19 attendees were present for inaugural meeting in 2015 & presently have 38 members (2019)*

Nat. Fed of Builders was est. in 1896 & presently has 1,400 members

Challenges

- Suppliers of natural materials
- Educational inclusion within 'National Curriculum' (schools/universities)
- Highlight wellbeing of domestic & public sector buildings for OUR wellbeing #netzero
- Lobbying government at local and central level
- Natural building is considered a niche market by the building sector and expanding into the commercial and public sector at scale is difficult without the resources to overcome this. Coupled with this is general mood in the building sector in the UK on the whole:
- *There was a decrease in employment levels among small construction firms for the first time in more than five years with over one fifth (21%) of employers reporting a reduced workforce (Federation of Master Builders - July 2019)*

Optimism

Work on the domestic front for straw bale construction is growing. Builds are forming up and down the UK from Wales, Devon, Bristol, Suffolk, London & the Scottish Highlands



Strawbale Cruck House

Cumbria



Optimism

Interest for straw bale building which is accessible to the general public, is also growing too



Manor Park Cafe - Sutton

World's First Social Housing Home

North Kesteven, Lincoln



Europe's largest Straw Bale Build-Tulse Hill

London



Learning + Teaching

The industry is growing and with forward-thinking groups we are teaching the builders of tomorrow



Events



Ecobuild/Futurebuild

Putting the 'eco' back into ecobuild

LIVE Natural Building Demonstrations

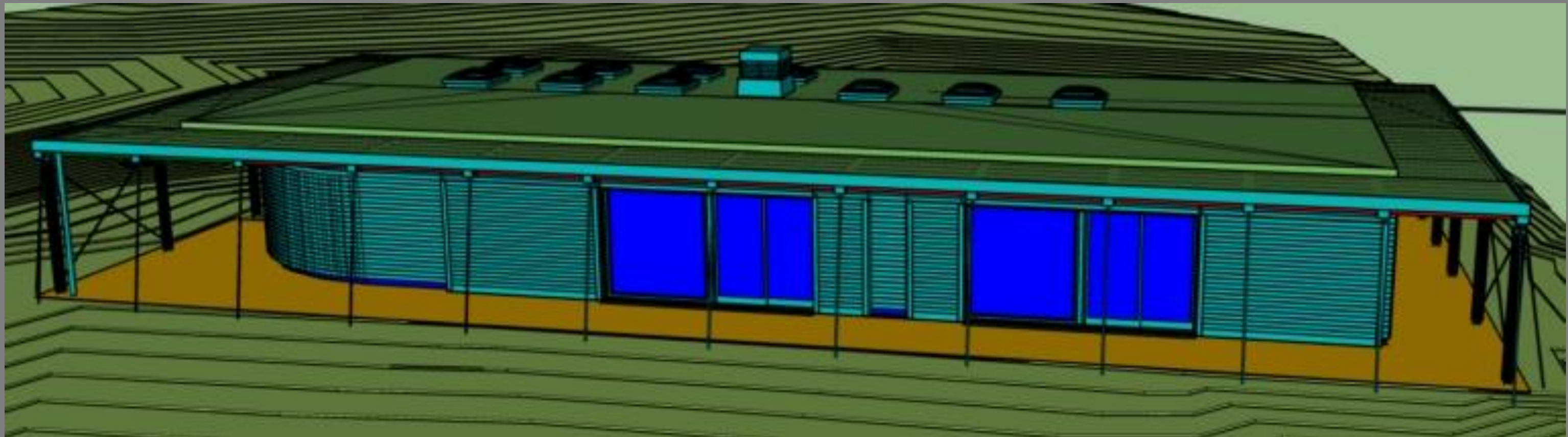
Tuesday 6th March	Wednesday 7th March	Thursday 8th March
11:00am Hempcrete Alex Sparrow UK Hempcrete	11:00am Earth Building Rowland Keable Earth Building UK & Ireland	10:00am Straw Bale Building Barbara Jones Straw Bale Building
12:00am Timber Framing Carwyn Jones Centre for Alternative Technology	12:00am Hempcrete Alex Sparrow UK Hempcrete	10:00am Earth Building Rowland Keable Earth Building UK & Ireland
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	3:00pm Straw Bale Building Barbara Jones Straw Bale Building	11:00am Lime Plaster Matt Fowler Mike Wye & Associates
		12:00pm Q&A Panel Discussion Natural Building in the 21st Century



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Hastings 2018

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- Opportunities to learn from experienced practitioners & teachers
- Networking
- go to <http://strawbalebuildinguk.com> for more information