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SOUTH BASIN - GREAT NEWS!

We received a very welcome end of year gift as BEST won the appeal over the South Basin. BEST acts to serve in the public interest and does not undertake such costly measures lightly.

Full details are available on our website: www.best.org or in the daily: www.royalgazette.com/article/20151211/NEWS07/151219923

Donations in support of this action, or any other BEST work, are greatly appreciated and can be made in person at our office, or online: www.best.org.

We thank you for your continued support.

WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

BEST is on the move again and have relocated to new offices in the CedarPark Centre. Very sadly this necessitated the cancellation of our annual Christmas Celebration.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish all of our friends the very BEST in the coming new year and a happy, healthy and sustainable 2016.

Climate Change:

There were some successes in Paris. A selection of articles are available on the BEST website. Energy and food production are the two key areas that needed addressing to realise a significant reduction in emissions of CO₂, methane and other gases implicated in climate change. Industrial agriculture is inarguably the major factor. Renewable energy and reducing food miles must be improved locally.

As Stuart asked at the recent Climate Change Rally: "What can we do?"

First we can recognize that there is a problem and then commit to the steps to address the causes. What can you do? You can decrease your carbon footprint; change your transportation habits; change your food habits; try to eat local and/or organic produce and you can change your energy consumption habits at home, school and in the workplace.

"You can become concerned and care; become informed and act. Think globally but act locally and act as if your life depends on it because it does."

Kim was in the UK at the time of the Climate Talks in Paris and walked the streets of Bournemouth with a placard to bring attention to the risks to islands like Bermuda.



The Government Sustainability Department is developing a Climate Change Working Group and we look forward to learning more about this in the new year.

Morgan's Point:

With the recent highlighting of Government's policy to improve food security in Bermuda, we hope that the agricultural land on the outskirts of the planned Morgan's Point development will continue to be protected. The developers are appealing the DAB decision refusing permission for their entrance road to be built through the centre of that agricultural land.

Cell Towers:

BEST continues to actively monitor the issue of cell towers.

Correction:

In last month's bulletin it should have been stated that Andrew Pettit is presently the Director of the Department of Conservation Services and had been appointed Acting Director of the Department of Environmental Protection.

As always, your thoughts, comments, ideas on any of the above are most welcome. We look forward to hearing from you directly, or join the conversation by visiting us for updates on local issues and information on a variety of environmental topics at:

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