

## Implementing the 6 S's at Cannock



In the last newsletter we described how Augean is setting out a comprehensive programme to embed the 6 S's at all sites throughout the Group. The 6 S's represent Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardise, Sustain and Safety. The intention of this system of working is to create a more organised and therefore a safer and more productive workplace.

We have begun this process at Cannock with the transformation of the warehouse to create a more economic working system. The changes took two days and all Augean staff from the working area of the site got actively involved.

## Further Site Improvements

Just as much as changing behaviour can help improve safety on site, investing in the site infrastructure also creates a safer environment to work in. In recent years we have been working hard to improve the fabric and safety of the site as well as upgrading our office and respite facilities.

Recent improvement works include concrete repair works to the bund wall to the east of the site as well as further upgrades to the office. The road markings around the site have also been refreshed; an especially important task as these provide clear indication as to the routes around the site for pedestrians and visitors and also maintains adequate distance between pedestrians and vehicles.

The health, safety and welfare of our employees, and any visitors, is a priority for Augean. We take a proactive approach to promoting awareness of safety issues and encouraging good practice.

## Augean Named Cummins Environmental Gateway Innovator

Augean Integrated Services has delivered an innovative waste concept to Cummins and is now one of only 12 companies worldwide to be named a Successful Innovator within the prestigious 2017 Cummins Environmental Gateway.

In recent years, implementing sustainable business practices and strategies has become a prominent focus for companies looking to meet the expectations of a broad range of stakeholders who expect robust social and environmental policies to form part of their business DNA.

Cummins, the largest independent maker of diesel engines and related products in the world, have taken their sustainability credentials a stage further through The Cummins Environmental Gateway - a first of its kind for Cummins globally. The project seeks to stimulate supply chain companies of all sizes to come forward with market-ready, sustainable innovations to help Cummins achieve their environmental targets in the UK.

Augean presented a number of options to reduce wood waste, resulting in reduced traffic movements with consequent benefits of reduction of carbon emissions, lower road noise, and improved air quality and road safety for local communities. The

solution also offers further benefits in the form of recycling and renewable energy generation, consistent with circular economy principles.

The Cummins Environmental Gateway focuses on the practical adoption of sustainable innovations rather than leaving the idea at just a conceptual stage. The project is currently being prepared to be rolled out and we look forward to meeting the challenge of testing out our innovations at the Cummins site in Darlington over the next few months.

With the ability to process over 100,000 tonnes per annum, Cannock is recognised by Staffordshire County Council Waste Planning Authority as a significant part of the national infrastructure. The site is strategically important to Augean Integrated Services delivering the project, and enables us to give a high standard of waste management services to Cummins and all our customers in the region and nationally.

The success of Augean Integrated Services and rapid expansion over the last year has increased the size of the business unit considerably, also resulting in a commensurate uplift in the number of employees at Cannock.



# The Importance of Monitoring



Monitoring forms a very important part of the running of a facility such as Cannock. Our trained monitoring technicians collect samples from numerous locations around and within the site, so that we can check that the site does not have an unacceptable environmental impact. Where there are indications that action should be taken, the monitoring identifies any adverse trends at an early stage before problems arise.

We sample the air and water around the site, and gather quantitative environmental data, so that Augean can report on environmental performance. The range and scope of monitoring that takes place is specified in the site permits and the programmes and protocols for this to take place are also approved by the Environment Agency (EA). The results of any monitoring are reported to the EA regularly and are publicly available. As well as reviewing the information they receive, the EA can also take their own samples to confirm that the data is accurate.

Augean's Cannock site is a transfer station where mixed loads of waste can be segregated and stored before being sent on as full loads to other Augean sites.

We operate an open door policy at all of our sites. So that you can see our operations first-hand a visit can be arranged by appointment. Augean always aims to be a good neighbour; to report any concerns regarding our site or to arrange for a site visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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*You will probably know that we operate a waste transfer station at Cannock. Here is a flavour of some of the other activities we do elsewhere in the Augean Group.*

## Augean North Sea Services to open specialist Decom Waste Management Hub at the Port of Dundee

Augean North Sea Services (ANSS) in partnership with Forth Ports Dundee has established a state of the art facility in Dundee for the management of waste arising from the decommissioning of offshore equipment.

This facility will enhance the opportunity for Augean to service the growing North Sea decommissioning market, a multi-billion pound programme decommissioning hundreds of offshore assets which is expected to be active for over 20 years.

ANSS provides innovative solutions to manage materials derived from North Sea oil & gas exploration, production and decommissioning activities. The business unit has now opened a new 25,000 square feet material transfer facility at the Port of Dundee. The facility will enable the port to offer an integrated service to the emerging decommissioning market and will offer best in class infrastructure and operating techniques.

The capability offered by ANSS combined with Forth Ports' new ultra-heavy lift decommissioning quayside is a significant milestone in bringing large scale decommissioning to Scotland. The new quayside and facility will be fully operational by the end of 2017 offering an unrivalled decommissioning solution.

## Supporting Cancer Research

A team of six Augean staff from Cannock took part in a 10 kilometre obstacle challenge to help raise funds for charity. The gruelling trail saw our intrepid team scale many obstacles, battle rough terrain and wallow through thick mud and freezing swamps. All six managed to arrive at the finish line in around two and a half hours from starting and in doing so raised £365 for Cancer Research. A great effort for a very worthy cause!