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Gonzalez Pons: "Oranges will be the basis of our energy migration to spreading the use of biofuels"

Regional Land and Housing Councillor, Esteban González Pons, has announced "that in future years the Generalitat will start an energy migration to fight against climate change". The Councillor made this announcement during his speech at the First Energy Meeting to discuss global warming, held in Madrid on 7th February.

He explained that this project will be based on the possibility of obtaining bio ethanol from the pulp and crushed oranges from Valencia's orange production and a Green Renewal Plan for motor vehicles.

González Pons discussed this new initiative with the ex-Vice-President of the United States, Al Gore, who was in charge of this inaugural conference, and according to a statement made by the Councillor, the ex-Vice-President was very interested in this idea, and suggested that it should be called "zumosoil", a name which the Councillor assured would be studied by the Generalitat.

This meeting was also attended by the Minister for the Environment, Cristina Narbona, the Minister for Justice, Juan Fernando López Aguilar and the mayor of Madrid, Alberto Ruiz Gallardón.

For the Land Councillor, climate change is a reality, recognised by numerous experts, and "and what must be done is to start acting in a firm manner to fight against global warming and its consequences". "Behind this is the old principle which says whoever produces the contamination must produce the money to pay for it. Now the new saying should be contamination prohibited, only clean energy allowed".

Gonzalez Pons stated that "the search for alternative energies is no longer an option, it is an obligation; and the revolution of these types of energy must become the main strategic focus in the fight against climate change".

The production of Bioethanol from oranges

During his speech, the Councillor said that the Community's aim is to become self-sufficient in energy with clean, renewable sources using their own resources, giving rise to the project to change to bio fuels.

He explained that "One of the opportunities the Comunitat has is the 190,000 hectares dedicated to growing oranges, considered now as a prime material for obtaining renewable energy such as bio ethanol using a process based on the pulp and skin".

Serrano demands that Joan Clos looks for clean energy and no longer authorises the search for oil in the comunitat

The Autonomous Secretary for Land and Environment, Cristina Serrano, has stated that "whilst the Generalitat's Consell is working to find alternative energies, like that put forward by Land Regional Councillor, Esteban Pons, to obtain bio ethanol from oranges, Rodriguez Zapatero's government is trying to exploit contaminating energy at the expense of the Comunitat Valenciana's natural resources".

This means that within a short period, with the installation of a new plant, the Comunitat will have available 500,000 tons of pulp and waste skins which, according to experiments carried out in California, would be able to generate 37,500,000 litres of bio ethanol, the equivalent of 16% of today's national production of bio ethanol which is around 240,000 tons per year.

With this quantity of bio ethanol, he continued, it would be possible to supply a fuel mixture for 550,000 vehicles, more than 25% of the total in use.

He added that this initiative opens a new area of productivity for us which will not only revitalise the traditional sector but will prevent it disappearing, with environmental gains which will maintain agriculture facing the threat of erosion and desertification.

Finally, with this new energy change project, we are bringing ecology and economy together as at an economic level we would be able to reduce dependence on oil by 40%, maintain the agricultural incomes of 100,000 Valencian families, create 2,500 direct jobs and 20,000 indirect jobs, as well as saving emissions which are at about 40 million euros annually.

With regard to the advantages for the environment, we would be able to speak of the reduction of one third of CO2 emissions in the transport sector; the regeneration of 100,000 hectares inland in the Comunitat and the decrease by 30% of rate of desertification.

Plan Renove Verde
The other initiative proposed by Councillor Esteban González Pons is the implementation of a Green Renewal Plan which would encourage the progressive adaptation of vehicles to a new generation of fuels, taking advantage of the Comunitat having a vehicle manufacturing plant which is known internationally for its technological innovation in producing ecological engines.

To set this in motion, the Land and Housing Councillor explained that he would ask Central Government for financial assistance and consumer incentives.

Finally, the aim of this Energy Migration is to match the target for the Government's Plan for Renewable Energies of 12% ecological fuel consumption throughout the Comunitat within a period not exceeding ten years, and to raise the consumption of bio fuels to a possible 40% within three decades.

Serrano made this statement after she had discovered that the Industry Minister, Joan Clos, is processing the administrative document to authorise permission for the investigation of hydrocarbons by the British oil company Medoil Plc at various points along the Comunitat Valenciana shores. This was confirmed in a parliamentary reply.

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Reunión con los jubilados de Alcalà y Alcossebre



El Presidente Provincial del PP, Carlos Fabra, y el candidato a la alcaldía de Alcalà, Francisco Juan Mars, visitaron a las Juntas Directivas de las Asociaciones de Jubilados de Alcalà de Xivert y de Alcossebre para conocer de primera mano las necesidades de estos colectivos y trasladarles su voluntad de colaboración. En Alcalà, Fabra recibió un singular obsequio, un bastón artesanal realizado en caña de bambú por Enrique Arrufat.

Noches de Café Teatro en Torreblanca

Música, teatro y ambiente para los sábados

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El Café Teatro será la nueva apuesta cultural de la Concejalía de Cultura de Torreblanca, según ha presentado su responsable, José María Pañella. El edil destaca la importante novedad que supone traer hasta Torreblanca una serie de actividades de música y teatro en una época en que no hay espectáculos de este tipo en el municipio. Pañella presentará un proyecto innovador para convertir el Salón de Usos Múltiples en un Café Teatro, "donde poder asistir a un espectáculo de calidad mientras se toma una consumición, una propuesta innovadora que puede ser muy atractiva para el público", señalaba el edil.

De la oferta cultural que se programa para siete sábados de los meses de marzo, abril y mayo, el concejal de Cultura destaca la oferta de teatro "que abarca varios estilos, desde un sainete dedicado a la celebración del Día de la Mujer Trabajadora, la actuación de Toni Albà, con su espectáculo de humor e imitaciones Audiencia I-real como eje central y actuación mas importante por la repercusión de este humorista televisivo habitual de los programas de TV3, los monólogos de Xavi Castillo o la representación de teatro clásico con la obra "L'Avar" de Moliere". Por lo que respecta a la parte musical, cabe reseñar especialmente las dos actuaciones que ofrecerá la Unión Musical Torreblanca, que

completará con la actuación de la Jove Dixieland Band, "música fresca y de mucha calidad".

Según Pañella, esta programación no está dirigida a un sector específico de edad, por lo que esperamos que participen masivamente gente de todas las edades. El concejal quiso adelantar el agradecimiento a la Unión Musical Torreblanca "por la ilusión, el esfuerzo y la dedicación que están poniendo en ofrecer un repertorio innovador que seguramente va a sorprender gratamente al público".

Café - Theatre

- DISSABTE, 3 DE MARÇ, 23 H, TEATRE
Sainete: Dia de la Dona amb la companyia "Una de Dona"
- DISSABTE, 24 DE MARÇ, 23 H, MÚSICA
Concert a càrrec de la "Jove Dixieland Band"
- DISSABTE, 31 DE MARÇ, 23 H, TEATRE
Audiència local amb Tom Albà
- DISSABTE, 14 D'ABRIL, 23 H, TEATRE
Monòlegs amb Xavi Castillo
- DISSABTE, 21 D'ABRIL, 23 H, MÚSICA
Concert a càrrec de la "Unió Musical de Torreblanca"
- DISSABTE, 28 D'ABRIL, 23 H, TEATRE
Teatre Clàssic amb l'obra "L'avar"
- DISSABTE, 5 DE MAIG, 23 H, MÚSICA
Ball amb la "Unió Musical de Torreblanca"

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