



## PV Solar Sense UK



**Peter Dicken is responsible for overseeing PV system design at Bristol-based specialists, Solar-Sense UK.**

Solar-Sense UK's client base is split between domestic and commercial, encompassing large international corporations and public procurement. Recently they have installed a system on the dairy farm of the late Micheal Evis, legendary founder and host of the world famous Glastonbury festival.

Solar-Sense UK is instrumental in 'Bristol Solar City', an ambitious collaborative project that aims to generate 1GW of the cities power from PV by 2020.

Prior to training, Peter had briefly studied LCA, so was intrigued to hear that LCA to go was available, complete with free training provided by Ecodesign Centre. In a competitive sector that increasingly faces challenges, Peter is keen to keep up to date with the latest technologies and research advancements.

When assessing his chosen PV system, Peter was pleased to confirm the inner-tech modules favoured by his company were an efficient choice, largely contributing to a low energy payback time of around two years.

Due to time constraints, he predicts that he will use the tool at the clients' request and that his most interested will be commercial customers. In particular, companies in the food sector who are increasingly prioritising ethics.

Peter said: "Using LCA to go has confirmed that Solar Sense UK are doing the right thing, for our customers and the environment. There is potential that it could be used as a tool to improve customer relations. The training has definitely improved my knowledge of life cycle thinking and my future application of it."