

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Attendees:** James Cadman (Action Sustainability), Imogen Player (Action Sustainability), Chris Matthew (Flannery Plant Hire, Sam Peet (Speedy Hire), Gemma Tovey (Lovell Homes), Brad Ireland (MHM), Mat Llewellyn (MHM), Chris Carter-Rowland (NOCN), Jackie Cuthbert (Sunbelt Rentals), Geraint Matthews (Siemens), Izzy Edwards (Environment Agency), Peter Hancox (M O'Brien), Amanda Maloney (Pro Rail Services), Wayne Bond (Highways England), John Dwyer (Telford Homes), Joe Griffiths (Garic), Leigh Web (Ardent Hire), Richard Mason (Balfour Beatty), Nikolaos Sapounas (Osborne), Paul Taylor (NOCN), Peter Beech (Groundhog), Jonathan Parker (Wolffkran), Maria Jarosz (Network Rail), David McGrath (Sisk), Stan Chapman (Advante), Mark Anderson (GAP Group).

### Summary of Actions and Notes from the Plant Category Group Meeting

Plant Category Group – Introductions and outstanding actions		
No	Action/Notes	Owner
1	<b>Welcome and Intros</b>	
2	<p><b>Plant Commitment Charter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Charter</a> and all relevant information – the Minimum Standards and news items - are available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Organisations who have not signed up and wish to should contact James. We are happy to explain the purpose and its benefits.</li> <li>• Recommendation to do a combined social media post to push the signatories of the Charter and tag each of the companies who have already signed up to it.</li> <li>• Recommendation to speak to Helen to get best practice on how to sign others up to the Charter, using Helen’s experience from the People Matter Charter.</li> <li>• There was a formal online launch event for the Plant Commitment Charter on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021, titled “<i>Working towards cleaner air: how the Plant community is actively tackling air quality and climate change impacts</i>”. Polls from the audience indicate that 60% of the audience have a strategy to reduce carbon and air quality emissions.</li> <li>• James to share the full Menti poll outputs from the launch event with the group afterwards.</li> <li>• You can watch the recording of the event <a href="#">here</a>. You will need to be logged into the School.</li> </ul>	<p>Organisations who want to sign up to the plant charter.</p> <p>Group</p> <p>James</p> <p>James</p>
3	<p><b>Engagement with OEMs: Reviewing the Minimum Standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group has completed several interviews with 24 OEMs in December/January to gather information in order to update the requirements in the <a href="#">Minimum Standards</a>.</li> <li>• The interviews consisted of 30-minute discussions with representatives from a range of OEM suppliers covering the spectrum of plant from small handheld tools up to large excavators and ADTs.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We asked them their views on the outlook for their products within the next 12 – 24 months with respect to how engines will reduce AQ and GHG emissions, how soon can we move to renewable and innovative technologies, providing user guidance for operators and site managers, all in the context providing the UK market with sufficient supply to meet our ambitions</li> <li>• Other specific issues covered in the interviews included supporting the operator to be more efficient, use of HVO and warranties, end-of-life take-back schemes and reuse, embodied carbon of manufacture, telematics and data, and ECV labelling for engine identification</li> <li>• James to provide the link of the <a href="#">ERA embodied carbon tool</a> to the group.</li> <li>• Next steps: assess the information gathered; revise the existing minimum standards, develop new standards for access and accommodation; circulate for comment; publish with suitable Comms – aiming for end Feb/early March.</li> </ul>	<p>James and the Group</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Low Emissions Zone / Clean Air Zone map resource</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clean Air Zone map has been produced and is in a final version, available for viewing <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• This map details the clean air zones and low emission zones that are either active or in consultation in the UK.</li> <li>• The map has been added as a resource to the Resource Library, therefore you can add the map to any learning pathways that you create.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Business Planning</b></p> <p>Suggestions were made by the group for future activities, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stands and events at trade shows – so that a greater link and engagement can be made between contractors and OEMs etc. Balfour Beatty Sight of the Future. Online workshops/webinars featuring OEMs speaking about solutions that they have, products they have etc.</li> <li>• Roadmap for the future: important that the industry should look forward, but also streamline what’s already out there and work with historic things out there. Consider engaging with Universities for research. Build into procurement category management plans</li> <li>• School survey, including attitudes towards blockers. This could be focused on an audience of site workers.</li> <li>• Push on case studies.</li> <li>• Sustainable plant brochure – responsible choices etc. Independent assessment on plant. HVO – International Sustainability and Carbon – auditing that and having it independently certified.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calculator where people can put their own rates and information in and see the outputs. E.g. could show that greener plant isn't necessarily more expensive.</li><li>• A video that shows combined case studies and demolition, on site etc. How to operate a site from start to end more efficiently. Could be a Sustainability Short</li><li>• Promoting the Charter more.</li><li>• Creation of a standard set of test criteria when testing the equipment – link to engagement of OEMs and telematics – Also links to user behaviour. Link to general larger piece of user behaviour. Benchmarking using telematic live data.</li><li>• User training – continued CPD. CSCS requirements are every 5 years so need to do more in the interim.</li></ul>	
6	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Action Sustainability are developing a Guide for procurers in the City of London on NRMM for street works. We would like to conduct some interviews so we will be approaching soon to get your input on what street works can do to improve, what they should be aware of etc.</li></ul>	
7	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 2pm, online</li></ul>	