

## Wales Leadership Group Meeting Minutes

30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Attendees:

Alfie Austyn (SCSS), David Emery (SCSS), Fiona Bussell (Amco Giffen), Jade Cohen (Qualisflow), Jamie Holding (BRC Ltd), Karen Bellis (NWCP), Lisa McAteer (Balfour Beatty), Michael Chaney (Willmott Dixon), Oliver Carpenter (Chambers Wales), Paul Slevin (Chambers Wales), Phillip Church (Morgan Sindall), Sian Davies (Bouygues UK), Wyn Prichard

### Welcome and introductions

Wyn Prichard introduced the session by giving a background on the current context of Wales, including the growing focus on social value nationally, in part as a result of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, and the challenges in Wales facing the built environment.

The Supply Chain Sustainability School's progress in increasing its membership and in encouraging discussion and collaboration was commended.

### Presentation by Qualisflow

Jade Cohen, Co-founder of Qualisflow, was invited to the meeting to shed light on their work in fostering a circular economy through the mining of data. It was explained that a circular economy approach can help to mitigate the wastefulness which is so common in construction practices and can have the added impact of increasing cost efficiency in the current economic difficulties.

One of the aspects Qualisflow has developed to make the monitoring of materials and waste more seamless and efficient is a data reading software which processes information in documents and paperwork. The information is then recorded and from then, the software can begin to identify problems and inconsistency, resulting in the development of actions to reduce waste, embodied carbon, and more.

### General School Update

David Emery, Sector Lead for Wales, then outlined the progress of the School in recent years. Figures for increasing engagement, learning, and activity were presented, which showed a 33% increase in active individuals and 41% increase in active organisations since the previous year.

The results from the School's most recent impact survey were then showed to the group. The results included the breakdown of the topics which partners wanted to learn more about, and in particular, saw a significant interest in more learning in Energy & Carbon, Environmental Management, and Sustainability Strategy. The survey results also showed that the majority of partners wanted their learning to stay in virtual form.

David Emery then gave a Learning Management Update, which included a planned integration of Force24 into the School's system, a more dynamic and adaptable menu on the School website, and the newly refined FIR Ambassador Journeys. Additional planned changes also include a registration process which is less lengthy than it is currently, and a number of report improvements.

Alfie Austyn, Project Coordinator at SCSS, gave an update on the new Retrofit Group in the School. The group is in its early stages and partners are encouraged to join if they are involved in Retrofit work. Learning resources are beginning to be produced and the School has already had several events scheduled on the topic of Retrofit. This included the recent Business Bytes titled, 'Retrofit: The Scale of the Opportunity', which outlined the opportunities for organisations in Retrofit within the domestic, commercial, and heritage sectors.

The recording for this event can be found here:

[https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource\\_intro.php?id=9263&modtype=page](https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource_intro.php?id=9263&modtype=page)

Our upcoming Retrofit Lunch n Learn, titled, 'Learnings from Retrofit Innovation: EnergieSprong UK', is taking place on January 26th, 1-2pm. The registration page for this event can be found here:

[https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource\\_intro.php?id=9093&modtype=tlevent](https://learn.supplychainschool.co.uk/local/tlactionplans/resource_intro.php?id=9093&modtype=tlevent)

### **Presentation by Chambers Wales**

Paul Slevin, Executive chair of Chambers Wales, was invited to the session to introduce Chambers Wales to the group. Chambers Wales acts as a body which provides an independent consortium of experts aiming to collectively advise the public sector.

The group consults the Welsh and UK Government pre-policy implementation and provides a platform for experts in the private sector to get involved in these discussions. With links to the Welsh government, Paul Slevin welcomed partners of the Wales group to engage with Chambers Wales as experts in the built environment.

### **Action:**

Partners to contact Chambers Wales and get involved in discussion with the UK and Welsh Government

## Business Planning

David Emery then led the Business Planning of the session. The aim of the session was to capture what Partner businesses would like from the school in 2022 -2023, through open discussion and sharing of ideas.

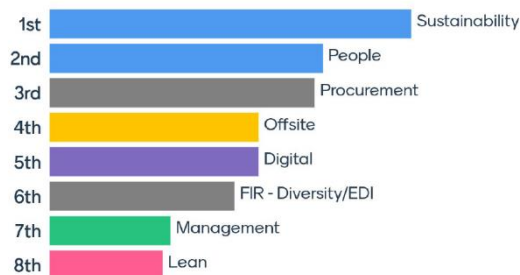
The group was asked to share their views on how the school can accelerate learning and collaboration using Mentimeter:



Notable mentions included more of an emphasis on in-person events in order to boost the quality of collaboration and engagement. The suggestion of a live Wales conference to engage partners and their supply chains was discussed. Furthermore, several partners agreed on implementing more case studies in the School events and resources, as well as a better way of categorising School resources to benefit navigating of the large number of resources.

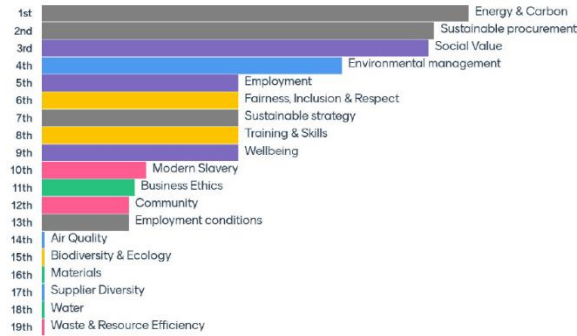
The group was then asked to prioritise areas of learning for their supply chain:

**What are your priority areas of learning for your supply chain? Prioritise the list below: 1 being the highest priority, 8 being the lowest**



The results showed the Sustainability was voted as the top priority, followed by People and Procurement. The group was then asked to vote for the top 5 sustainability topics for their supply chain:

**Rank your top 5 priority areas of learning for the supply chain, with 1 being the highest priority**



The results showed that Energy & Carbon, Sustainable Procurement, Social Value, Environmental Management, and Employment were the top priority learning areas.

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The dates for the next leadership group meetings in 2023 will be:

- 21st February 2023
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023
- 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023