

Construction Leadership Group Meeting

Thursday 19th July 2023

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Attendees: Ben Stone (Kier), Helen Spafford (Debingshire County Council), Andy Fulterer (Lendlease), Damian Lynes (Onsite Support), Ben Giles (Laing O'Rourke), Daniel Edwards (Peel Ports), Adam Cane (ACO), Ben Rowe (VolkerWessels), Georgia Petch (Danny Sullivan), Olivia Phillips (Canary Wharf), Elizabeth Edgington (NG Bailey), Keith O'Flynn (Sisk), Andrew Boileau (Stark), Kerry Parker-Wray (IKO), Eric Kierman (Sisk), Simon Stone (Galliford Try), Matt Nichols (Waste Group Representative- Reconomy)

[Please note these meeting notes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda and final slide deck as circulated to all.](#)

Meeting notes

1. Welcome and introductions.

The chair, Ben Stone, introduced the group and the agenda.

2. Updates on School Activity

- **Net Zero Summit**

Meet and network with hundreds of clients and sustainability professionals in the built environment sector, plus get your key questions answered by industry experts. What is the theme? The theme for this year's summit is Net Zero and a Just Transition. We will discuss the key challenges facing our industry on its journey to net zero carbon and explore the big solutions needed. You will have the chance to attend various expert panels and get your key questions answered, as they explore the how and why of topics such as the talent and skills challenge, the materials challenge, and science-based targets.

- Tuesday 26th September, 9:30 AM- 5:30 PM
- Coventry Building Society Arena, CB6 6GE
- Register [here](#).

- **Decarbonising Steel: Shaping a Cleaner Greener Industry**

A 2-hour virtual conference to discuss the critical sustainability issues currently facing the steel industry and explore different ways of reducing carbon emissions through technology and innovation. Hear from our panel of expert speakers from major infrastructure projects, leading steel suppliers, key net-zero steel initiatives, and global construction contractors and structural engineers.

- Thursday 21st September, 10:00- 12:00
- Zoom
- Register [here](#).

3. HVO Fuel Update

Ben Stone talked about the division surrounding HVO and what Kier is doing with regards to this area, stating that they are not going to expand their use until they are more comfortable with the level of assurance from the supply chain. There are many risks around this area, including prosecutions for those fraudulently claiming virgin palm oil was used cooking oil, cutting down rain forests, and forced labour risks.

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They are currently working with a group of clients, peers, and manufacturers who have contributed £4,000 each to Action Sustainability for a project that will look into what checks should be done to get comfortable using HVO. By the end of the year there should be some guidance on sourcing HVO and being more confident of its sustainability. Will also be looking at how they account for carbon-consistency in how to report across the sector.

Opportunity: If anyone would like to get involved with the working group, either financially or through knowledge and information, contact James Cadman (james@actionsustainability.com)

4. Group Tracker

The group tracker has been created to help keep track of where everyone is in terms of the group's objectives, and the aim being for the tracker to be as green as possible. (Please see the latest version of the tracker attached.)

Action: If a the groundworkers column is not relevant for your organisation, please email Alice (alice.crowsley@supplychainschool.co.uk) so that this can be greyed out.

Action: Liaise with School key contact to see if there are plans for your organisation to join the other groups, update priority suppliers list, and using your allocated workshops and let us know so that we can update the tracker. Email Alice with any updates. (alice.crowsley@supplychainschool.co.uk)

5. Waste Group Deep Dive

Matt Nichols, Chair of the Waste Group talked about the Waste Group, their priorities, how they run their meetings and their deliverables for the future.

- **Leadership Group Meetings**

- The group meets quarterly, with 30-35 participants, and mostly work in break out groups. In these groups, they will identify a project that they would like to work on, and bring this to the main group. Everyone will then hear about this project and those with a particular interest will create a sub-group to work on this. They use menti polls etc. to vote on their priorities for the upcoming year.
- The aim of the waste group is around achieving and doing things, which has been their focus for the last few years.
- They use a slide to bring new members or external parties up to speed. It shows how each part of the supply chain is impacted by waste, highlighting their sustainability responsibilities.

- **Resources**

- One of the group's priorities is the creation of resources, for example, the Construction Project Life Cycle of Waste. It included case studies, examples, and opportunities for improvement. This was created by a Waste sub-group.
- They have been updating and maintaining the resources on the school's website to make sure these are as relevant as possible, including case studies, the MEP map, and more.

- **Learning Pathways**

- They have created a variety of Learning Pathways

- **Whole Project Lifecycle of Waste web feature**

- This is an interactive guide that looks at what can be done from a preconstruction perspective.
- View the resource [here](#).

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- **Action:** Please share this resource where relevant.
- **Training Programme and Packaging Project**
 - The upcoming Waste-related training can be found [here](#).
 - A report on ‘Packaging Optimisation in the Housebuilding Sector’ is being written. This has been a significant project for the group and has been worked on over the last 2.5 years. This is a topic that impacts all industries, not just housebuilding.
 - The Packaging Optimisation Showcase (Virtual Conference) is on the 8th August, 14:00 – 16:30. Find out more [here](#).
 - **Action:** Share registration for the Packaging Optimisation Showcase with supply chain or colleagues if relevant. Registration can be found [here](#).
- **Future goals**
 - Looking at common waste reporting frameworks, producing KPIs and metrics
 - Producing commitment charter on waste reduction and circularity
 - Developing a calculator for waste reporting.
 - They will follow their voting process to decide their priorities for the next year.

6. Groundworkers Pathway

- Ben Stone introduced the topic and the risks associated with groundworkers. Toby Beattie then recapped on what the pathway is: a curriculum of resources helping to upskill groundworkers on a variety of issues.
- Only nine organisations have sent through their lists of groundworkers, and we are aiming to increase the completions of this pathway. We looked at possible ways to increase these numbers in break out groups.
- We will vote on the outcomes in the next Leadership Group Meeting.

7. AOB

- Next meeting 20th September 10:00 – 12:00.
- Speaking Opportunity for our upcoming Virtual Conference: **Climate mitigation and adaptation: where are we in tackling both?** on the 13th December.
- Collaboration Opportunity to work with the Knowledge team on our e-learning module on **Marketing and Business Development** – **Action:** please get in touch with robyn@supplychainschool.co.uk if you have marketing expertise within your organisation that could help review our content.

ACTIONS:

Please see **Accompanying Information slide deck for information on the below.**

Partners to:
- Partners to invite supply chain and colleagues to training activities and learning resources; utilising their workshops, inviting colleagues to events and embedding the use of the school across the business.
- Partners to share groundworker lists to drive pathway completions.

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<p>- Partners to email Alice if they are interested in speaking at our upcoming Virtual Conference: Climate mitigation and adaptation: where are we in tackling both? on the 13th December.</p>
<p>- Partners to email Robyn if they are interested in collaborating on the School's Marketing and Business Development e-learning module.</p>