

Infrastructure Leadership Group

16th November 2023

Meeting Actions:

- **Contact Jenny if you or a colleague would like to get involved in the Nature Recovery Group.**
- **If we were to set up a group to explore traffic management and you would like to be involved, contact Jenny.**
- **Please reach out with suggestions for content and/or speakers for the upcoming Digital Waste Virtual Conference.**

Welcome and Introductions

Graham Edgell began by welcoming the Group to the meeting. As per previous comms, the Business Planning element of this meeting has been postponed to 6th December due to time constraints. Graham urged the Group to come along to this meeting to share suggestions and feedback.

Shaun McCarthy took the Group through the agenda.

HVO as a Diesel Substitute

Chris Williams-Lilley discussed the work he is leading on HVO, looking at this from a procurement perspective.

Chris discussed that the transition away from fossil fuels to biofuels involves some sustainability risks where validity needs to be assessed, and shared some significant findings involving the stats of improvements and developments from voluntary schemes.

Shaun ran a Menti poll to gather feedback on this topic.

Ethical Risks in the Solar Panel Sector

Emma-Jane Allen took the Group through the work she and the team have completed on the Procurement Guide. The Procurement Guide highlights modern slavery and labour exploitation risks in solar photovoltaic (PV), whilst also being able to support responsible sourcing strategies.

EJ discussed that the guide consists of a “part 1” introduction as to what the issues in solar PV, which then leads into the “part 2” procurement guidance section involving information of due diligence in the process to mitigate risk. “Part 3” discusses enabling activities to occur globally.

Shaun ran a Menti poll to gather feedback on this topic.

Nature Recovery Group

Mark Turner and Grace O’Connell discussed their approach to reverse the shrinking of flora and fauna by using a cross sectoral approach, and the scope of work to share a better understanding of steps needed to be carried out to achieve this. They presented options that the School can get involved with to help with this work.

Grace is leading a subgroup to complete resource reviews, looking at what needs to be improved / updated.

Please get in touch with Jenny, Grace, or Mark in order to get involved in this Group.

Shaun ran a Menti poll to gather feedback on this topic.

Traffic Management

Raj Neelakantan, Sustainability Manager at Cadent Gas, discussed the issues of traffic management, and how it affects different aspects within communities. Raj talked about the impacts on physical and environmental factors, suggesting that companies and communities can influence this impact.

Raj discussed that his idea is to work collaboratively to look into measurements to take the next steps for improvements.

Please follow up with Jenny or Raj if you are interested in getting involved in this work.

Shaun ran a Menti poll to gather feedback on this topic.

Digitising Waste Management

Graham Edgell and Mark Turner gave a brief outline and overview of the “Digital Waste Tracking for the Built Environment” Virtual Conference, taking place on 20th February.

They asked the Group to suggest any ideas for content or speakers for this conference.

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The Infrastructure Leadership Group Business Planning session will take place on 6th December from 3:00-5:00pm.

The next meeting is taking place on 27th February from 10:00-12:00pm. Please accept/reject the calendar invite accordingly.

