

## Environment Working Group Minutes

Thursday 29 September 2022, 10:30 – 12:30  
Via MS Teams

### 1. WELCOME, MEETING CONDUCT AND COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE

- The meeting was chaired by Dr Nicholas Head (NH), Environmental & Sustainability Lead at XPO Logistics, who welcomed members.
- Denise Beedell (DB) reminded members about the competition law compliance guidance and to avoid sharing any sensitive information that is currently not in the public domain.

### 2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 June 2022 were agreed.
- All matters arising were completed.

### 3. ZERO EMISSION ROAD FREIGHT BATTERY AND HYDROGEN DEMONSTRATION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

David Tozer, Head of Land & Maritime Transport at Innovate UK gave a slide presentation to members on the zero-emission road freight (ZERF) battery and hydrogen demonstration trials. A link to information from Cenex working on the Battery Electric Transport Trial (BETT) about charging infrastructure learnings was shared on the chat: <https://bett.cenex.co.uk/bett-learnings/lessons-learnt-charging-infrastructure>.

The discussion covered the following:

- Electric Road System (ERS) event in 2 weeks will disseminate information about the ERS trials.
- Trucks from outside the UK can be included in the ZERF battery and hydrogen demonstration trials.
- Public sector fleet involvement
- Trial information will be made public as frequently as possible – while managing commercial sensitivities
- Challenges of the two-year timelines, especially for hydrogen
- Trials should look at other vehicle weights rather than just 40t – Innovate UK will seek feedback from industry for funding further trials of other vehicle weights.

There was a longer discussion about trial parameter flexibility to allow operators to respond to vehicle upgrades, vehicle supply and costs pressures. Members were advised that applications can apply with an idea but will need to be specific about how outcomes will be met. Discussions can be arranged and an element of flexibility and pragmatism at the point of application would be allowed as long as costs were clear. Over the life of the project, changes in cost would need to be discussed.

**ACTION:** David Tozer agreed to send email addresses for specific questions and slides for circulation to members.

### 4. ENERGY NETWORK DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT SUPPLY CHAIN DECARBONISATION FOR MEETING NET ZERO GOALS - DISCUSSION

Dan Boorman, Head of Onshore Electricity Networks and Niall Cave, Senior Policy Advisor, Electricity Networks Strategy, both from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) with Bob Moran, Deputy Director, Head of Decarbonisation Strategy at the Department for Transport (DfT) updated members on the plans for energy network development to support supply chain decarbonisation and the discussion covered the following:

- Offshore wind production targets to 2050
- Fast track for consenting and planning
- Public chargepoint usage by commercial vehicles
- Cost of infrastructure and energy supply increases at truck depots
- Extending Project Rapid for trucks on the strategic road network
- Affordability of asset extensions and possible use of annual investment allowance
- Legislation changes for second comers

**ACTION:** DB to send Dan Boorman and Niall Cave more information on the issue of using the Annual Investment Allowance for asset extensions.

**ACTION:** Bob Moran agreed to discuss use of public chargepoint space guidance for vans with DB, including examples of good and bad public chargepoint locations for vans.

## 5. ENVIRONMENT AND UK PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

DB flagged key environment and UK public policy activities referenced in the meeting papers covering:

- Low carbon fuels strategy
- Electrification of commercial vehicles and infrastructure
  - EV Case Study research
- Energy Bill Relief Scheme
- New Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Chancellor's Statement: Growth Plan
- Future of Freight Plan
- Charging Zones
- Consultations
  - Driving licence flexibility for alternatively fuelled vehicles
  - Domestic maritime decarbonisation: the course to net zero emission
  - Strategic road network and the delivery of sustainable development
  - Land rights and consents for electricity network infrastructure – call for evidence
  - L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models
- Decarbonisation and Net Zero
- Generation Logistics campaign
- Route to Net Zero Commitment

## 6. PROPOSED MEETING DATES IN 2023 AND FORMAT

Three dates in 2023 were suggested to members:

- Thursday 9 February 2023, 10:30 – ~~12:30~~ 13:00
- Thursday 15 June 2023, 10:30 – ~~12:30~~ 13:00
- Thursday ~~12~~ 14 September 2023, 10:30 – 12:30

The June and September meeting dates are subject to change once details of other events are confirmed.

It was agreed that the February meeting would be held face to face and NH offered to host the meeting at XPO's offices in Crick, Northamptonshire. The June meeting format will be confirmed after the February meeting and the September meeting will be held on Teams.

**ACTION:** DB to confirm details of meetings, including the dates for June and September when information is available.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Members were referred to the events listed in the meeting papers.
- Discussion continued about managing fuel and electricity costs when bidding for ZERF demonstration programme.
- A request was made for a briefing note on using solar panels for EV charging.

**ACTION:** DB agreed to look into this and report back.

- A query was raised about whether Logistics UK had heard of any changes to the ZERF demonstration application deadlines. It confirmed that we had not.

**ACTION:** Members to feed in any points they would like Logistics UK to raise anonymously with Innovate UK to DB [dbeedell@logistics.org.uk](mailto:dbeedell@logistics.org.uk).

Next meeting ~~Thursday 9 February~~ **Thursday 16 February** 2023, 10:30 – ~~12:30~~ 13:00, Crick, Northampton - address to be confirmed.

Meeting finished at 12:32

## ATTENDEES

### Chair

Dr Nicholas Head

XPO Logistics

### Speakers

Dan Boorman

Niall Cave

Bob Moran

David Tozer

Head of Onshore Electricity Networks at BEIS

Senior Policy Advisor, Electricity Networks Strategy at BEIS

Deputy Director, Head of Decarbonisation Strategy at DfT

Head of Land & Maritime Transport at Innovate UK

### Members

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Justin Kirkhope

Justin Laney

Josh Meredith

Jasmin Prichard

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Anna Rickard

Neil Robinson

Lucie Rowley

Jennifer Stanley

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