

## Environment Working Group Minutes

Thursday 15 June 2023, 10:30 – 12:30

Via 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 and colleagues from Logistics UK.

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 February 2023 were agreed.
- All matters arising were completed or ongoing.

### 3. CARBON REPORTING PROTOCOLS - PRESENTATION

DB gave a presentation about the range of different carbon reporting requirements in the UK and covering:

- Carbon reporting timeline
- UK Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions legislation
- UK Carbon Budgets
- Devolved authority climate change legislation
- UK GHG reporting requirements
- Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting Framework (SECR), Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
- Emissions accounting
- Comparative Global Warming Potential (GWP) of different GHGs, including fugitive gases
- CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent
- Emission scopes and quantifying activities
- Biofuel GHG reporting

Several members reported that they were opting to measure emissions ahead of the compulsory dates to allow them to be prepared and have put in place adequate capacity to manage the process. Some members had recruited for new roles and were also using consultants to bring things together. Comments were made that this was seen as a good investment for their operations.

### 4. USING BIOMETHANE IN LOGISTICS OPERATIONS - DISCUSSION

Michelle Gardner (MG) updated members on proposed changes to the GHG protocol and led a discussion with members about the use of biomethane in logistics operations. Areas covered included:

- Challenges connected to the cost of biomethane
- Lack of recognition by science-based targets initiative for mass balanced biomethane LNG meaning that its use cannot be reported as a decarbonisation activity
- Concern about the proposed changes and clear agreement on how important it is that the case is made to government to continue to recognise biomethane in reporting.

Members commented that if they cannot include biomethane use to report reductions in GHG emissions, then its use is pointless and all approaches to alternative fuels and low carbon fuels are thrown into question.

MG reported on the meetings and roundtables with ministers and senior officials on low carbon fuels that Logistics UK are having and that we are making the case very firmly. However, she noted the delays to announcements of winners for the ZERF trials and the publication of the low carbon strategy are frustrating.

It was agreed that a Task & Finish Group would be set up to pull together some metrics to support Logistics UK's low carbon fuels campaign and the challenges faced by HGV operators in meeting decarbonisation targets.

**ACTION:** Members interested in joining the HGV decarbonisation challenges T&F group to email DB on [dbeedell@logistics.org.uk](mailto:dbeedell@logistics.org.uk)

## 5. ENVIRONMENT POLICY UPDATE

DB gave an update on relevant policy activities including:

- **Launch of the Electric Vehicle Report 2023 at ITT** – overview of key findings. Members commented about some vehicle manufacturers' reluctance for allowing operators' BEV technician to work on their vehicles unless the in-house facility is 'affiliated' to the brand in question.
- **ZEV Mandate consultation** – Logistics UK's response
- **Decarbonising Logistics ministerial roundtable** on 26 June with Greg Smith MP
- **Scotland's Zero Emission Truck Taskforce (ZETT)** – DB chairing EV Infrastructure group
- **Freight Energy Forum** – Logistics UK has a place on the forum - next meeting 5 July.
- **Charging Zones** – Glasgow LEZ implemented for all vehicles from 1 June and ULEZ expansion comes into force for all vehicles on 29 August across the whole of London.

## 6. MANAGER'S GUIDE TO DISTRIBUTION COSTS – ALTERNATIVE FUELS

This item was not covered at the meeting and may be looked at later in the year.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **LB Hackney Feasibility Study** - Norman Harding (NH) reported on an electrification feasibility study LB Hackney are planning and requested details of relevant contacts at UKPN.

**ACTION:** DB agreed to send an email to her contact at UKPN introducing Norman Harding.

- **Distribution Network Operators (DNOs)** and issues with Solar PV - Anna Rickard (AR) reported issues with DNOs and an embargo to 2028 on solar PV installations.
- **Position of chargepoint sockets on electric vans** - Justin Laney (JL) highlighted the issue of manufacturers positioning of chargepoints on the front of vans as they do for cars and that it was more helpful for operators to have the socket at the rear of the vehicle.
- **Charging card covering all networks** - JL also asked members if they were aware of a charging card that works for all networks. Response from members suggested that the All Star Fuel Cards had widespread coverage and there are some good aggregator apps that work with all solutions – though neither provide universal operability yet. DB updated members on the recent response from government to the consultation about public chargepoints and that common standards re payment systems, data sharing and minimum standards were to be applied. Logistics UK was disappointed at the almost two-year delay in responding to consultation from 2021 and that the timetable in the government's response for applying minimum standards allows a further two years before they are mandated.
- **List/database of Public CP bays suitable for CVs** - AR asked if there was a list of public chargepoint bays suitable for commercial vehicles. DB reported that there was not.
- **Events and Awards** – DB flagged forthcoming events and the closing date for Logistics UK's Van and Logistics Awards.

### Next meeting:

Thursday 14 September, 10:30 – 12:30 via Teams

Meeting finished at 12:30

## ATTENDEES

### Chair

Dr Nicholas Head

XPO Logistics

### Members

Kevin Barcroft

Nick Barker

Alan Bastey

David Flood

Michael Fullbrook

Nick Graham

Norman Harding

Jason Hargreaves

Ben Hodgson

Neil Hodson

Catherine Hughes

Paul Hutchings

Justin Kirkhope

Justin Laney

Lottie Leigh-Brown

Stuart McLean

Maurizio Romano

Andy Ray

Anna Rickard

Neil Robinson

Lucie Rowley

Jennifer Stanley

Oliver Tang

James Vance

Eveleen Vincent

Tom Warren

David Wilson

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Rexel

DHL

GXO

CEVA Logistics Ltd

Luton Council

Co-op

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