

Environment Working Group Minutes

Thursday 29 February 2024, 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 not currently in the public domain.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2023 were agreed.
- All matters arising were completed or ongoing.

3. EXTERNAL PRESENTATION – EXPERIENCES OF SETTING UP AN ALL-ELECTRIC BULK HAULAGE BUSINESS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Dave Rose, CEO and Founder of Voltloader, spoke about his experiences setting up an all-electric bulk haulage business for the agricultural sector and took questions from members covering:

- The need for a more joined up approach from Government.
- Infrastructure sharing.
- Total costs of ownership and length of time in a fleet.
- Vehicle manufacturers accepting some responsibility for risks on residual values and out of date technologies.

4. EXTERNAL PRESENTATION – FINDINGS FROM DELIVERING NET ZERO REPORT AND ONGOING ZE TRUCK AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Tom Parke, Associate with the Green Finance Institute presented findings from their '[Delivering Net Zero: Unlocking Public and Private Capital for Zero Emission Trucks](#)' report and ongoing projects related to financing zero emission trucks and infrastructure. He took questions from members covering:

- Setting up a working group to look at shared risk arrangements.

ACTION: Members to email Tom Parke on Tom.Parke@gfi.green if interested in joining the GFI working group.

ACTION: Tom Parke agreed to feed back to DB on the working group activity.

- Challenges with installing infrastructure and various ownership models.
- Potential financial impact of shared infrastructure on operators
- Timeframes for pilots
- Role of Local Authorities and how they will engage.

5. ENVIRONMENT AND UK POLICY UPDATE

Members received updates on relevant policy activities from Edward Jones (EJ), DB and Katie Adams (KA), including:

- Manifesto, Budget 2024, pre-General Election engagement and broad challenges.
- Zero emission Van Plan Campaign.
- Recycled carbon fuels.
- Update on the driving licence flexibility for alternatively fuelled vehicles proposed legislation.

- Update on the Freight Energy Forum and Workstream 1 activity seeking to provide information about future aggregate energy demand that Logistics UK is leading on.
- **Consultations:**
 - [Recycled Carbon Fuels & RTFO consultation](#) – Govt response published
 - [Rapid Charging Fund: scheme design](#) consultation – [Logistics UK submission](#) (member log-in required)
 - [Future policy framework for biomethane production: call for evidence](#) – closes 25 April 2024
 - [Smarter regulation: proposed changes to legislation for electrically assisted pedal cycles](#) – closes 25 April 2024
 - [RTFO: addressing multiple incentives consultation](#) – closes 18 March 2024
 - [Changes to various permitted development rights](#): consultation – closes 9 April 2024
 - [Non-road mobile machinery: decarbonisation options](#) call for evidence – closes 26 March – discussed in next agenda item.

6. NON-ROAD MOBILE MACHINERY (NRMM) CALL FOR EVIDENCE - DISCUSSION

Members discussed the NRMM call for evidence and Logistics UK's proposed response to the call for evidence, which closes on 26 March. Members covered:

- Consultation is very data focussed and had limited questions considering what our industry needs.
- Agreement that the consultation does not go far enough or cover all the sectors affected.
- Need to question certain assumptions in the consultation, such as that NRMMs are always kept on hard standing, which is not the case for all sectors, particularly those working in remote places without easy access to the grid.

ACTION: EJ will circulate a draft response to the NRMM call for evidence for members to comment.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- DB flagged forthcoming events.

Next meetings:

Thursday 27 June 2024, 10:30 – 12:30 via Teams

Thursday 24 October 2024, 10:30 – 12:30 via Teams

Meeting finished at 12:29

ATTENDEES

Chair

Dr Nicholas Head XPO Logistics

Speakers

Dave Rose Voltloader
Tom Parke Green Finance Institute

Members

Helen Adams	Electricity North West
Tutu Akinkoye	DHL GB
Ban Anstee	Northern Powergrid
Danish Azri	Chemical Business Association
Alan Bastey	Zenith
Kate Broome	Kuehne+Nagel
Chris Cassley	Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA)
Nick Graham	Stobart
Norman Harding	London Borough of Hackney
Catherine Hughes	Ceva Logistics
Justin Kirkhope	Co-op
Stuart McLean	TRL

Adam Purshall
Andy Ray
Anna Rickard
David Smith
Jennifer Stanley
Mike Sutton
Steve Tainton
Anna Rickard
Eveleen Vincent
David Wilson
Lynn Worrall

Logistics UK Staff

Katie Adams
Denise Beedell
Martin Candish
Edward Jones

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Howard Tenens Logistics Ltd
CPA UK
Amazon UK
Lime Logistics
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