### Climate Action Group Meeting



Date: Thursday 12th September 2024

Attendees: James Cadman (Action Sustainability); Hattie Webb (Action Sustainability); Annabel James (Action Sustainability); Bekir Andrews (Wates); Raj Neelakantan (Cadent Gas); Emmanual Uzim (Mitsubishi Electric); Rebecca Abbott (Keep Moat); Sarah Maiden (Northern Power Grid); James Upstill-Goddard (Willmott Dixon); James Geraghty (Kier); Adam Cane (Aco); Corinne Wolstenholme (Network Plus); Matt Walker (Emcor UK); Ross Wood (ISG); Paul Allman (M&J Evans); Louise Thomason (Severn Trent); Ciaran Humphries (Balfour Beatty); Julie Brooks (Higgins Partnership); Thomas Mulholland (Balfour Beatty); Dylan John (Canary Wharf); Jessica Morris (Environment Agency); Martin Fahey (Mitsubishi Electric); Klare Chamberlain (Siemens); Anusri Jagadeesh (Designer Group); Luke Richardson (Amco Giffen); Vincent Jenkins (Onsite Support); Ailish Byrne (Ferrovial); Fiona Bussell (Amco Giffen); Lynne Good (Supply Chain Sustainability School); Roberta Bailey (Denbighshire); Oliver Cripps (Etex Group); Anna Fish (TFL); Adetunji Lawal (Wates); Jenna Taki (Kier).

#### **Summary of Actions and Notes from the Climate Action Group**

Climate Action Group Group – Introductions and outstanding actions

No	Action/Notes	Owner
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	Focus of Meeting:	
	Group governance and updates	
	Carbon calculator update	
	Industry influence     Seems 3 learning content	
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2	Climate Action Group Updates	
	Group governance	
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	as key. Following your feedback the priorities are, in order of preference,	
	<ul> <li>i) learning content on scope 3 data collection, calculation and reporting;</li> </ul>	
	followed by	
	<ul> <li>ii) learning content on how to submit to SBTi (there was also call for</li> </ul>	
	content on EPDs – the School released an updated e-learning on LCA and	
	EPD recently).	
	<ul> <li>Your other ideas will not be forgotten, e.g. Produce a list priority list of</li> </ul>	
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	<b>Data &amp; impact.</b> This will continue as it is, coalesced around the Carbon Calculator,	
	advising on how the Calculator is developed, its uptake pushed forward, and	

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collaborations with other platforms, e.g. Tradex, are fostered. A discussion was had on whether an additional column should be added to the Minimum Standards relevant to OEMs and whether the Charter should apply for projects.

#### **Carbon Calculator**

- Annabel James gave an update on the carbon calculator we have surpassed last year's number of suppliers (659 suppliers in 2023). The repetition rate is lower in 2023 compared to 2022, but this is because there's lots of new suppliers due to new partners. Encouraging to see this increase in reporting and engagement with the calculator, and hoping this continues to grow over the coming years.
- New partners to the carbon calculator are Renew, Northern Powergrid and McLaughlin & Harvey.
- James Cadman explained that the carbon calculator is a separate tool to the sustainability tool - was created in 2019 by the Climate Action Group so we could have a tool focused solely on carbon for SME's / suppliers that don't have as much resource.
- James Cadman invited people to volunteer their time (a minimal amount) to help with the carbon calculator and advise on developments / get feedback from suppliers due to real world experience (as we don't have that direct involvement).
   Do get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

## 3 Industry influence – engagement with other industry groups

A facilitated discussion based on:

#### Question:

What other industry groups are you a part of/learning from?

#### Response from the group:

- Construct Zero Partner focus on zero diesel sites creating case studies to demonstrate to other companies what they've done.
- Building Merchants Federation Sustainability Working Group focus on collection of EPD data from supply chain.
- Gypsum Product Development Association (only 3 products in the UK) aligning on how they're putting information into the market in terms of decarbonisation of the industry
- The PSP (Plasterboard Sustainability Partnership) renewed interest in collaboration with stakeholders on sustainability issues. Therefore, it is proposed by the members of the Gypsum Products Development Association (GPDA) to hold a workshop to gauge interest and identify potential areas of collaboration.



When? 3rd October 1400-1600 Where? Saint Gobain Innovation Centre, London Please email <u>flavielowres@thefis.org</u> to find out more or register your interest

- UK Green Building Council retrofit side of things they've got a substantial body of resources and tools.
- BESA on IAQ https://www.thebesa.com/besa-focus-areas/indoor-air-quality

(The SCSS also has a retrofit group and we're in the early stages of developing an Elearning module on what a sustainable site set up would look like, covering multiple aspects of sustainability not just carbon - call out for volunteers to review this script once it's ready)

- UK GBC have just set up a new working group follow up session in October looking at a wide range of areas e.g. supply chain decarbonisation, resources needed in the industry and practical solutions e.g. case studies.
- Business Services Association they have their own Net Zero group more on the policy side of things. They will review government consultations that come in on particular topics.

#### New learning materials for the School's resource library

A facilitated discussion based on:

### Question:

We are continually reviewing our content on the SCSS to make sure it's relevant but also that there's not too much (we're not a Google for sustainability). Here we're focused on climate but is there anything else we could include in the school?

### Response from the group:

- Environment Agency module on climate adaptation (not able to share externally at the moment).
- Training for public sector entities for Wales would be helpful, particularly SME's.
- More training on driver efficiency / teller handler driving SCSS created an Optimised Idling training module, but let us know if you need something more tailored to House Builders) - Could be more specific for the driver e.g. what gear should they use.

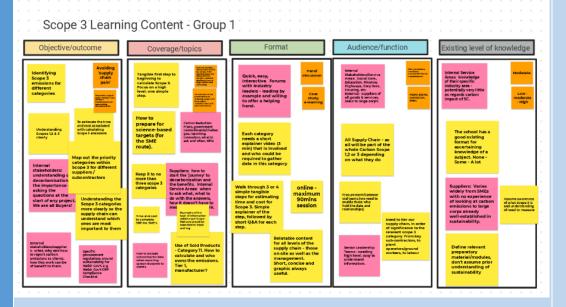
### 5 Scope 3 learning content – group exercise



We broke out into four subgroups to discuss and storyboard what scope 3 learning content would look like, from a supplier's point of view. The following summaries were made which will feed into the script drafting exercise.

### Summary from Group 1:

- Understanding priority areas within Scope 3 depending on what you're doing within the supply chain e.g. Scope 3 priority mapping and what data they'd need to collate within each of those categories (for supply chain)
- More info on the level of info they need for each category
- Supply chain need to understand the WHY better (specific people who are closer to the data) - particularly SME's as it's so overwhelming for them e.g. highlighting the top 3 categories in the first instance
- SMEs time and cost puts them off so something that can help them estimate the time and cost so they know what the journey would look like for them



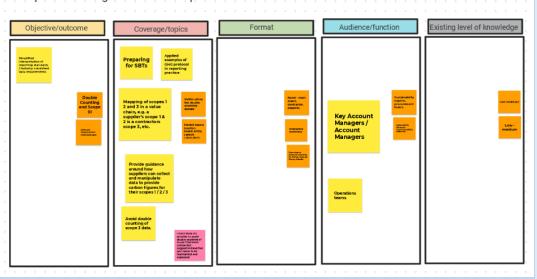
### Summary from Group 2:

 How do we avoid pain of reporting and data gathering - standardisation / guidance around what people should be capturing - practically how do you get the data from the right person, read meter readings etc - can be a lengthy process with suppliers sending data in wrong formats



Provide more info on double counting - myth busting

Scope 3 Learning Content - Group 2



### Summary from Group 3:

- 3 key themes: impact, audience scale, accessibility
- Since Quantis retired nothing replaced it to find where heatmap areas are sub contractors / manufacturers
- Understanding 3 scopes clearly
- Topics prioritisation, SBTi's
- Format short, sharp, accessible e.g. videos. Should we use social media as an opportunity? Carbon management / reduction
- SME's are very different so learning should be tailored appropriately
- Focus on medium size SME's target and have max. impact?

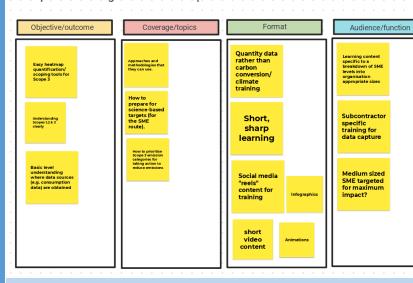


 Existing level of knowledge - school have an established 3 step process that works and should be retained

Existing level of knowledge

School has well established three step process here

Scope 3 Learning Content - Group 3



## Summary from Group 4:

- Heatmapping for purchase goods & services category only tackle areas that are biggest emitters - showing how to do this
- Process flow / chart to show where data can be obtained from your organisation help with process of collating data
- Understanding basic terminology used / jargon busting



Case studies and examples

Scope 3 Learning Content - Group 4

Objective/outcome

Coverage/topics

Format

Audience/function

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### **COP29 Virtual Conference: Content and call for speakers**

- Let us know if you're involved with climate finance and you'd be interested in speaking at our COP29 Virtual Conference e.g. why should the finance sector be involved, what part does it play in climate reporting, how can it play its part in a just transition
- At the next meeting we'll talk about business planning, so think about what else you'd like the group to do. We've got a couple of other priorities from the meeting back in May, but it's good to have 10/12 things that we can then prioritise.