



The very well attended BCSD-UK Energy Group meeting staged on June 25th chaired by Energy Group Chairman, Mark Saunders of E.ON, hosted by Energy Group Deputy Chairman Jim Rushworth of Lafarge Cement UK at their HQ in Birmingham, and sponsored by Advantage West Midlands set out to find forward actions for the Group – and found more than 20!

Seventeen of the delegates asked to join the growing ranks of the Energy Group and three enquired about full BCSD-UK membership.

The full day event included a series of presentations and open debates with the final element concentrating on where the Group should focus in the future.

Comments on the event included “Some very interesting debates” – Ellie Cooper from Faith & Gould; “A well organised event with good range of speakers” – Bouziane Boukhateb of BWB; “Very worthwhile” – David Frise of NG Bailey.

The 20 plus potential outputs will now be prioritised and further action planned and reported to the expanded Energy Group. Some of the subjects debated included:

- turning the BCSD-UK DE Guide into a sort of “Wikipedia of Decentralised Energy”
- issues of connections and sites
- Feed In Tariffs
- uncertainties in FITs and ROCs
- project difficulties
- creating a knowledge transfer bridge between the West Midlands and Güssing in Austria
- funding
- links between academia and business and how they can be strengthened

Those attending came from: Advantage West Midlands (4); AECOM; Arcadis; Birmingham City Council; Birmingham City University; University of Bristol; British Waterways; BWB; Catalyst Corporate Finance LLP; Change Forum Ltd; Climate Change Solutions Ltd; Eccleshall Biomass Ltd; E.ON (2); Faith + Gould; GAP; Lafarge Cement UK; Loughborough University; Marches Energy Agency; Martineau; National Grid; NG Bailey; Npower Energy Services; Ondeo Industrial Solutions; Orion Management; PA Consulting(2); Paragon Simulation; Pelagos Partnerships; PriceWaterhouseCoopers; Products Sourcing Services; Rolls Royce Plc; Scottish & Newcastle UK Ltd; Shell UK; Warwickshire County Council; WSP.

