

Economics

When developers will invest in biomass energy (for housing commercial)?

Max economic transport distances for biomass on land

Why companies are restricted to €200k deminimus?

When will/does economics favour biomass over gas?

The scale of investors ambitions?

Firewood is worth more than woodchip so how can it be economic?

When does a small woodland become economic? (m³/annum) ★

How can we improve/increase credit in the supply chain?

Cost of woodfuel vs fossil fuel alternatives?

When credit will be available for purchasers of wood fuel related products eg for construction projects etc.

p/kWh comparison for heat and electricity v. other fuels

When planting grants for SRC and general support will be increased given strategic urgent need?

Why the SE is not following the example of EEDA in funding an integrated approach to wood fuel development? ★

How we can unlock the E2€? ★

When we have 1 consistent incentive scheme, backed by policy and legislation for renewable heat

Why the progression of woodfuel in SE has differed from the experience in the East of England – what lessons can be learned?

Why the implementation and policy issues of woodfuel is so disjointed and uncoordinated?

Policy/Regulation

How the RHI will work to support biomass – particularly small scale?

What is going to happen to the ROC regime beyond 2015?

When will the government introduce a renewable heat incentive?

Whether government is really serious about tackling climate change and helping us make woodfuel an attractive option

When a renewable heat tariff similar to a ROC will be introduced? ★

Rules for commissioning heating systems in public buildings

If HMIP guidance note D1 will be amended as this imposes high flue height and high efflux velocities

The effect on air quality of progressing woodfuel in SE

Whether woodfuel can be an option in London and other air quality areas?

Air Quality

Fuel Quality

When quality standards will be fully introduced?

How best to get wood from c50% water content to c15%

Is there a quality standard for woodfuel? (ie. will any wood do?)

How do you measure moisture content?

Why doesn't wood heating just happen if it is so good? ★

If by 2020 woodfuel REALLY can help us reach our renewable targets REALLY?

I would just like to know more!!

What is the critical factor that convinces an investor to install woodheat systems?

How can biomass compete with clean and convenient gas (perception)?

How best to move towards the efficient use of biomass fuel at medium to large scale energy generation?

Training/Skills

Is there enough skilled workforce to assist in delivery, supply (woodsmen, foresters)?

When the Hetas course for pellet boilers in being introduced?

Why there are no plans to provide training for heating engineers and plumbers in installing wood fuel units

Fuel Demand

How big is the UK grade A pellet market?

What and how do purchasers need to know to switch to using woodfuel?

Why aren't more people producing quality, dry woodchip?

What is the current and potential demand for woodfuel in the SE?

If long-term supply agreements for woodfuel exist in the SE?

What the overall demand is looking like over the next 2 years?

Where and when the next 5 boilers in the SE will be?

Is the issue supply or demand?

Engagement

When UK industry is going to really get into manufacturing boilers and CHP plant

How we can engage / encourage landowners of neglected woodlands to consider management through woodfuel markets?

How to help landowners with very small patches of woodland (eg difficult area and uneconomic)

Whether land owners want to manage their woods or just own them?

Where the wood will come from? ★

Fuel Supply

How accurately we know the woodland resource?

The true potential of woodfuel in the SE and timescales for meeting this and understand interactions with other low carbon fuels?

How do we address long-term security of supply?

What is the actual biomass resource available today in SE as a % of total energy demand?

Whether woodland cover will be able to increase in the SE

How much of the 2M tonnes will come from ancient and semi natural woodland?

If the wooded area of Britain will grow or shrink because of using more woodfuel

Fuel sustainability

How to quantify non-economic benefits – landscape/habitat?

What safeguards will be in place to protect biodiversity?

How do we ensure that our ancient and semi natural woodlands are not damaged by over-exploitation?

More about the likely landscape impacts of progressing woodfuel in the SE

I would like to know.... - Delegates were asked to write down one or two questions they have about woodfuel. We have grouped the questions into broad categories. Delegates were then asked in groups to select their favorite questions. These are highlighted with stars