

Funding/Financing

Ensure LAs new to biomass can all access money for kit?

Make it easy for grants to be better understood and more consistent?

Get grant availability into a one-stop-shop so that people can understand?

Get consistent regional funding into faesibilities for biomass heat and CHP

Quality

Certify/guarantee firewood supplies

Achieve a recognisable exportable quality marque (for woodfuel)?

Crease a consistent CV product? – de-risk variability in fuel quality

National Coordination

Do we need a minister for biomass?

Get government to understand the need for a stable, consistent structure of support?

How do we.....?

Delegates were asked to suggest one or two How do we.....? questions. These were broadly grouped into categories. Nine questions (green) were worked on by groups to suggest “gold-plated” and a “cheap and cheerful” possible answers to the questions.

Regional/Local Coordination

Get a regen SE/ drive from SEEDA?

Get a SE version of Regen SW?

Get other councils like Barnsley to implement similar policies?

Get CO₂ policy from LA?

Achieve joined up thinking/co-operation between councils, housing associations, end users?

Produce a road to 2020 in the SE?

Translate largest woodfuel resource in England into projects/MWh delivered/CO₂ saved

Get profile of woodfuel in SE higher as has been achieved elsewhere?

Cohesive leadership to facilitate strategic investment in biomass heating for the region

Skills/Training

Compare the maintenance/ servicing costs/ manhours of changing to woodfuel?

Achieve a coordinated and effective approach to installer training?

Get competitive tenders and quick reactive maintenance

Secure/sustainable supply

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Ensure sustainability of supply?

Maintain a constant supply of 16 M kWhs currently achieved with gas and oil?

Productively manage small woodlands, esp. those which are not currently managed?

Secure long-term local supply of woodfuel?

Overcome the perceived lack of woodfuel supply chain?

Ensure that the biodiversity of our woodlands in maintained?

Better Integration

Join-up woodland/ forest owners with actual end-users?

Turn good intentions into deliverables?

Find people of vision with the influence in organisations that have supply and demand?

Inspire/encourage demand for woodfuel?

Integrate the supply from production to output to supply heat service – management of whole process?

Create a more coordinated environment to speed up increased installation of biomass capacity?

Engage public-sector appetite to endorse and implement a woodfuel strategy?