

What can we do about the issues- workshop exercise

Delegates were asked to select one of eight questions and as groups suggest both a 'gold-plated' and a 'cheap and cheerful' solution in the format "We suggest that...so that.... Even though..... The responses are highlighted in bold type.

Q1: How do we ensure that the biodiversity of our woodlands are maintained?

Cheap and Cheerful

We suggest that... **EXISTING ACCREDITATION i.e. UKWAS/FSC is applied** so that **biodiversity is protected** even though.... **current schemes are less than perfect**

Gold Plated

We suggest that...**NEW WOODLAND PLANTING is located to deliver biodiversity, biomass and amenity through planning system (green infrastructure)** so that... **they are sustainable** even though...**land is at a premium.**

Q2: How do we get other councils like Barnsley to implement similar policies?

We suggest that... **LAs have to implement the Barnsley Council Biomass Policy** so that.... **biomass becomes the first option for heat energy generation** even though.... **alternatives might superficially look easier.**

We suggest that.... **Dick Bradford or equivalent talks/does workshops for local councils in the SE region** so that..... **they appreciate the importance of woodfuel/biomass** even though..... **alternatives might look easier**

Q3: How do we get cohesive leadership to facilitate strategic investment in biomass heating for the region?

Gold plated

We suggest that...SEEDA adopt a Regen SW approach so that...we can get strategic coordinated delivery, more efficiently focussed and connected to strategy even though... there is resistance from SEEDA and others.

Cheap and Cheerful

We suggest that.... **we use existing funding to set up woodfuel using RDPE grants etc.** so that... **we combine resources from key players** so that...**there is a shared regional programme for delivery with clear leadership** even though... **people will still want to do things their own way and without this leadership we will fail and many resources will be wasted.**

Q4: How do we secure long-term local supply of woodfuel?

We suggest that.... **Customers Contract early at a sustainable price with suitable incentives/penalties and SALs**

Q5: How do we overcome the perceived lack of woodfuel supply chain?

We suggest that... **availability of supply is suitably marketed with suitable incentives/penalties even though... this may cost**

Q6: How do we get competitive tenders and quick reactive maintenance?

Rolls-Royce suggestion

We suggest that...**Public sector side steps procurement restrictions (OJEC) in order to support carbon reduction and stimulate the green economy/green sector. i.e. If green project, doesn't go through OJEC procurement unless over £1M etc.**

Practical suggestion

We suggest that...**suppliers offer a cradle to grave solution to customers so that... liability and risk is managed via the supply chain (but does the risk ever go away?)**

We suggest that... **Quality standards and training/qualifications are made available through a trade organisation or regulator.**

Q7: How do we productively manage small woodlands esp. those which are not managed?

Gold suggestion

We suggest that... **a service to owners or (small) woodlands is set up so that... their woods can be managed at no cost even though.... it will cost somebody else (FC, SEEDA, AONBs??)**

Bronze suggestion

Focus on financial returns from woodfuel through promotion and networking of owners

Q8: How do we translate the largest woodfuel resource in England into projects/MWh delivered/CO2 saved

We suggest that... **the market for woodfuel is stimulated by increased availability of capital grants so that.... More woodfuel boilers are installed even though... it will cost!**

We suggest that...**it will happen anyway** so that **our woodfuel resource will be used** even though...**it will take longer**.

We suggest that **10% of Londons buildings (public) should be converted** so that... **the market will provide**, even though... **there will be a substantial up-front capital cost**.