

Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands

Innovative Low Carbon Working Group

Thursday 12 March 2020, 14:00 – 17:00
Groundwork UK Building, 5 Scotland Street, B1 2RR
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Register of attendance

Name	Initial	Organisation
Adam Titchen	AT	West Midlands Growth Company
Alan Carr	AC	Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands
Alison Fulford	AF	National Grid
Ann Marie Attfield	AMA	Solihull Council
Colin Maltby	CM	Solihull Council
Eric Roberts	ER	IES
Gerard Davies	GD	Contented Communications
Helene Toogood	HT	Coventry City Council
Jacqueline Homan	JH	West Midlands Combined Authority
Jenni McDonnell	JD	Knowledge Transfer Network
John Fawcett	JF	Winning Moves
John Kyffin-Hughes	JKH	Aston University
Jon Regnart	JR	Advanced Propulsion Centre
Jordan Bird	JB	Sustainability West Midlands
Keith Budden	KB	Cenex
Mark Phelpstead	MP	Turner & Townsend
Mark Smith	MS	Aston University
Pam Waddell	PWa	Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands
Paul Widdowson	PWi	Efficient Fuel Technology Ltd
Rebecca Lydon	RL	Hydrock
Richard Fallon	RF	The Technology Supply Chain
Richard Pyatt	RP	CR Plus Ltd
Stuart Jackson	SJ	EY
Tom Hendy	TH	Sustainability West Midlands
William Ray	WR	National Grid

Please see [accompanying slides for](#) more information about each of the agenda items:

- Low Carbon Propulsion Technology: Opportunities, Funding and Support ([Advanced Propulsion Centre](#))
- Meeting net zero: how can we innovate to achieve this ambition? ([Solihull Council](#))
- Government funding and opportunities update ([Knowledge Transfer Network](#))

Actions

1. ILCWG members to [contact JM](#) for more information on any of the Innovate UK / Knowledge Transfer Network / BEIS funding opportunities presented.
2. [PWa](#) advertised [Venturefest West Midlands](#) which will take place on 2 July at the NEC.
3. Email [JH](#) to keep up to date with progress on [#WM2041](#).
4. [Contact KB](#) for details on an electric vehicle study due to be published soon, conducted by [Cenex](#) on behalf of the WMCA.

5. [Contact SJ](#) at [EY](#) if you're interested in available support to manufacturers looking to implement low carbon technologies.
 6. [MS](#) of the [Low Carbon SMEs](#) Programme at Aston University is looking for collaborative opportunities for any businesses that may be interested in their scheme.
 7. Contact [RL](#) at [Hydrock](#) for support on reaching net zero targets, especially local authorities.
 8. Contact [AT](#), [WM Growth Company](#), to share information on how large businesses can access funding for decarbonisation.
 9. [JKH](#) is looking to speak to businesses in Coventry and Warwickshire who are focusing on the automotive industry, especially in relation to transport innovation and skills.
 10. [HT](#) from [Coventry City Council](#) is looking for opportunities for partners to collaborate on transport innovation projects.
 11. [Eric Roberts](#), [IES](#), has produced a [Design Guide](#) for net zero and the built environment. IES is looking to use this to expand and replicate its principles into the West Midlands and is interested in any collaborative opportunities.
 12. The [Technology Supply Chain](#) is looking to broker support between SMEs and manufacturers. The organisation is running an event on this subject on 31 March, 4–6pm, at which PWA will be speaking. A second event is taking place on 22 April focusing on finding grants and cutting costs for manufacturers. Contact [RF](#) for more information.
 13. [RP](#) outlined that [CR Plus](#) is running an [event](#) on 13 May called Repowering the Black Country, focusing on the industrial decarbonisation roadmap project.
 14. [GD](#) from [Contented](#) is interested in collaborating with organisations on the issue of transport value chains.
 15. [National Grid](#) is hosting a webinar on electricity transmission in a couple of weeks; [contact AF](#) for more information.
 16. Other organisations present at the meeting included:
 - [Efficient Fuel Technology Ltd.](#)
 - [Turner & Townsend](#)
 - [Winning Moves](#)
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- **To view the outputs and slides from this ILCWG meeting, [visit the SWM website.](#)**
 - **To keep up to date with current funding opportunities, collaboration opportunities, events, good practice case studies and resources related to low carbon innovation, join [the ILCWG mailing list](#); [contact AC](#) to sign up.**
 - **To ensure you are invited to the IAWM's general events including Innovation Policy and Practice events, join our general mailing list; [contact AC](#) to sign up.**
 - **Future meeting dates TBC**