

# Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands

## Innovative Low Carbon Working Group

**Monday 9 December, 10:30 – 15:00**

National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA

**@InnovationWM**

### Register of attendance

Name	Initial	Organisation
Alan Carr	AC	Sustainability West Midlands / Innovation Alliance WM
Alasdair Donn	AD	Willmott Dixon
Alison Fulford	AF	National Grid
Christopher Atkinson	CA	Worcestershire County Council
Clare Ollerenshaw	CO	Circular Consultants
Jianing Li	JL	University of Birmingham
Jon Regnart	JR	Advanced Propulsion Centre
Jordan Bird	JB	Sustainability West Midlands
Mark Smith	MS	Aston University
Michelle Hollier	MH	Winning Moves
Mike Leonard	ML	Building Alliance
Mike Woollacott	MW	Greenwatt Technology
Natasha Horn	NH	Tonik Energy
Pam Waddell	PW	Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands
Rachel Purdon	RPu	Coventry University
Rhiannon Davies	RD	Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands
Richard Pyatt	RPy	CR Plus Ltd
Sara Habib	SH	National Grid
Serena Bacuzzi	SB	Midlands Energy Hub
Will Ray	WR	National Grid
Xiao-Ping Zhang	XPZ	University of Birmingham

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

- Green travel innovations at National Grid and National Grid on Net Zero
- Leading by example: sustainability and innovation in the construction sector (Willmott Dixon)
- Government funding and opportunities update (IAWM on behalf of KTN)

### Actions

1. ILCWG members to [contact JM](#) for more information on any of the Innovate UK / Knowledge Transfer Network / BEIS funding opportunities presented.
2. IAWM to discuss with AF and National Grid about supporting with innovation challenges and identifying partners who could help with this. The new West Midlands Innovation Programme will contribute to this; [contact PW](#) for more information.
3. SWM has launched its new [Sustainability Roadmap to 2030](#) which can be used as a framework for organisations in the region to achieve sustainability related goals; innovation is one of the enablers that SWM will instil to ensure the Roadmap's targets are achieved through activities such as convening the ILCWG in partnership with IAWM.
4. IAWM is looking for views on how it is meeting its aims and suggestions for taking its activities forward [via a survey](#) that has just been published; we would appreciate everyone completing this! It closes on 10 January 2020.

5. IAWM is looking for a series of case studies where companies are innovating and working with others to do so to showcase their activities; [contact RD](#) to provide any examples.
  6. MW from [Greenwatt Technology](#) is looking for examples of good practice of organisations that are adopting their climate emergency plans and how they are going about achieving this; [contact MW](#) if you have any examples to share.
  7. [CR Plus](#) is looking to help the West Midlands catch up with coastal areas with technologies such as carbon capture and storage. [Contact RP](#) for more information.
  8. [Advanced Propulsion Centre](#) currently has funding calls open [including TDAP](#); [contact JR](#) to obtain more details.
  9. [Circular Consultants](#) is looking to explore circular economy opportunities in local authorities and other organisations in the West Midlands and elsewhere; [get in touch with CO](#) for more information.
  10. University of Birmingham is keen to work collaboratively with business and other organisations so that West Midlands can be leaders in the energy storage field; [contact XPZ](#) to get involved.
  11. Other organisations present at the meeting included:
    - [Building Alliance](#)
    - [Coventry University Environment Team](#)
    - [Low Carbon SMEs programme](#) (Aston University)
    - [Midlands Energy Hub](#)
    - [Tonik Energy](#)
    - [University of Birmingham Energy Institute](#)
    - [Winning Moves](#)
- 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

- Thursday 12 March 2020 (Advanced Propulsion Centre, near Coventry)