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GREEN GAS FORUM

Annual Summary | Sept 2020-Aug 2021

We exist for the benefit of our members - you.

Our last annual summary highlighted the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic on our work and the green gas sector. This year we point to the ways we have overcome the day-to-day impact of the pandemic, and helped our members maintain business continuity. As pandemic restrictions have relaxed, the REA team has begun to return to the office in a flexible working format. We would be delighted to hear from you and discuss any issues you may have or to speak about we can help you.

COVID-19: business continuity, recovery and the new normal

During the pandemic, we prioritised business continuity support for our members in the wake of the closure of the non-domestic RHI. We put together a log of issues raised by members and had regular calls with BEIS, Ofgem and Parliamentarians and other senior stakeholders. We strove to develop good relationships with Ofgem to act as an effective bridge between our members and RHI decision makers. We also engaged closely with BEIS officials and our members on the development and design of the Green Gas Support Scheme, the policy mechanism that will support biomethane injection after the closure of the non-domestic RHI.

The forum name changed in April from Biogas to Green Gas, to reflect the importance of all green gases, including biogas, biomethane from anaerobic digestion (AD) and thermal gasification, as well as low carbon hydrogen.

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Consultations responded to on your behalf

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Stakeholders regularly engaged with

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Events, meetings and training workshops run & presentations delivered

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Consultation Response

CONSULTATIONS

It's been a particularly busy year for consultations. We are very grateful to all members who have been involved in REA consultation responses by sharing their experiences, thoughts and expertise. This has enabled the REA to present a unified and authoritative voice to governments, regulators and others on behalf of our members. Below is a list of all the consultations we've responded to on behalf of our Green Gas members from September 2020 to August 2021 inclusive.

1. BEIS: The Green Gas Support Scheme: Digestate management
2. BEIS: Biomass Strategy Call for Evidence
3. BEIS: Greenhouse Gas Removals Consultation
4. Ofgem: Guidance on Non-Tariff Guarantee Extension Applications
5. Ofgem: Guidance von Non-Domestic RHI Closure
6. Ofgem: Administration of the Green Gas Support Scheme
7. Ofgem: Generating equipment replacement guidance under FITs
8. BEIS: Designing the Green Heat Network Fund: call for evidence
9. BEIS Select Committee: Heat Inquiry
10. BEIS: Green Heat Network Funds scheme design
11. HoC: DEFRA Committee Inquiry on Environmental Land Management Schemes
12. BEIS: Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance COVID-19 licence changes
13. BEIS: Future Buildings Standard
14. Ofgem: Guidance on interactions between Non-Domestic RHI and Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (led by REA Renewable Transport Fuel Forum)
15. DfT: Targeting net zero - Next steps for the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation (led by REA Renewable Transport Fuel Forum)
16. DfT: Phasing out the sale of new non-zero emission heavy goods vehicles (led by REA Renewable Transport Fuel Forum)
17. HMT: Business Rates Review
18. BEIS: Carbon Capture Readiness



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The REA Policy Team regularly meets with Government, regulators and other industry stakeholders such as BEIS, DfT, Ofgem, Defra and the environmental regulators.

We are also involved in other groups tackling industry issues including:

- BEIS Hydrogen Business Model Expert Group programme
- Advisory Group for the Gas Goes Green programme
- ENA Entry Customer Forum
- Trade associations & HSE group with focus on AD
- Cross-trade association working group on low carbon heat and re-balancing energy costs
- Gas Vehicle Network
- LowCVP Fuel Working Group and LowCVP's Hydrogen Interest Group European Biogas Association Working Groups
- WRAP Organics Roadmap - working to improve quality of inputs and outputs
- EA's Biowaste Regulatory Forum
- EA's Regulated Business Forum

THE REA STRATEGY

Over the past year, the REA has developed and published a comprehensive Strategy document, detailing how to deliver the UK's Net Zero goal and interim targets to get us there. In the Strategy, we have crystallised our view of how the UK can reach the Net Zero target, and how the REA can play a leading role in helping UK industry take the steps to reach this target.

Our Strategy is divided into four pillars: circular bioresources, heat, power & flexibility, and transport. Each pillar has its own impact target based on the REA's analysis of what is necessary and what is possible to reach Net Zero by 2050, and how each pillar's technologies play a role in decarbonising their respective industries. Each pillar also features interim targets, ensuring that momentum is kept up and we can track progress.



REA GREEN GAS STEERING GROUP

The steering group drives the agendas of our work and support us to be able to understand the needs of our members. Chaired by William Mezzullo, we are really pleased to have 12 members on the Green Gas Steering Group. The Steering Group meet usually around 4 times a year and provide lots of other input via email and phone calls. The current Steering Group was elected in January 2021.

This group of members help support the REA Green Gas forum chair and REA policy team in the coming years, as well as direct REA Strategy for the green gas sector to reflect members' needs and ensure the progress of the association's plans and work throughout the year. Steering group members are ambassadors for both the Association, as well as the industry more widely to external stakeholders.

- o William Mezzullo - Centrica (Chair)
- o David Hurren - Air Liquide Biogas Solutions Europe (Vice-Chair)
- o Anna Becvar - Earthcare Technical
- o David Kinnersley - Fisher German LLP
- o John Baldwin - CNG Services
- o Lucy Hopwood - NNFFC
- o Lucy Owen - Marches Biogas
- o Mark Richmond - WRM
- o Neil Liddell Young - Severn Trent Green Power
- o Philipp Lukas - Future Biogas
- o Richard Gueterbock - Food Chains
- o Thomas Minter - Malaby Biogas

The Forum and Steering Group Chair are elected every three years.

THE REA STRATEGY CONT.

The Green Gas Forum cuts across all four pillars. Over the coming months, REA's Strategy will play a greater role in our organisational structure as we implement it with support from the REA Board and Policy Board who, along with REA staff, were instrumental in developing our Strategy document.

WEBINAR

EVENTS, MEETINGS & TRAINING

We aim to hold a range of events every year to benefit our members. Whilst this year has been affected by COVID-19 so we've not been able to go out and get our boots dirty as much as we'd like, we've still managed to hold a large number of online webinars, training sessions, forum meetings, and steering group meetings and deliver nine presentations at other organisations' events.

• Webinars and meetings for members only on:

- o Four Green Gas Steering Group Meetings
- o Three Green Gas Forum member meetings (October 2020, January and March 2021)
- o Online Green Gas Day Taster session (November 2020)
- o Four meetings of the Hydrogen Working Group (March and September 2021)
- o Roundtable with BEIS on Biohydrogen (May 2021)
- o Roundtable with Ofgem CEO Jonathan Brearley (September 2020)
- o British Renewable Energy Awards (competition 2020, Award Ceremony January 2021)
- o REA Strategy Webinar (January 2021)

OTHER REA ACTIVITY

REA Green Gas Forum works very closely with other member forums of the REA, especially REA Organics and Renewable Transport Fuels. We collaborate to ensure that green gas members are represented and views considered when informing policy.

REA has member forums covering everything renewable energy and clean technology from Organics, Biomass, Green Gas, Energy from Waste, Finance, Renewable Transport Fuels, Landfill Gas to Electric Vehicles, so if there is something else you are interested in, make sure you are signed up to the correct member forums. Our membership team can help with this: membership@r-e-a.net.





OTHER REA ACTIVITY CONT.

The REA's hydrogen working group was formed in April 2021 and works with other parts of the REA such as the REA Renewable Transport Fuels Forum, the Long-Duration Working Group of the Energy Storage Forum and the REA Energy from Waste Forum.

The working group tasks include:

- Work on the key barriers and challenges of hydrogen adoption, as well as inform our key policy recommendations to unlock the potential for hydrogen across different sectors.
- Develop a position statement on hydrogen, including key asks for Government and other institutions to support hydrogen deployment at scale.
- Engage with Government on the Hydrogen Strategy and related policy developments and consultations
- Use REA's regulatory expertise to overcome the barriers of injecting hydrogen within the gas networks.
- Promote hydrogen via REA's conference and seminar programme and its many guest speaker appearances.
- Co-ordinate and inform REA's wider Member forums and lobbying activities across REA's Renewable Transport Fuels, Energy Storage, Energy from Waste and Markets forums.

Some recent activities include:

- Hosting member meetings with BEIS on the Hydrogen Strategy and the associated consultations. We have submitted responses to all the key consultations released with the Strategy, on behalf of our members.
- We are part of the BEIS Hydrogen Business Models Expert Group and are feeding the views of our hydrogen members to the work of the Department on a future revenue scheme for hydrogen production.
- We have hosted with BEIS and our members a roundtable specifically focused on biohydrogen pathways, to ensure these are not overlooked by BEIS in any hydrogen policy development.
- Actively engaging with the DfT on the review of the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO), which is critical to support the use of low-carbon hydrogen in transport applications. During the consultation we hosted a number of meetings with hydrogen members to gauge their views on the RTFO consultation proposals relevant to hydrogen.
- Setting up a member working group on Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) within our Renewable Transport Fuel Forum, focused on creating a supportive policy environment for the production, supply and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel. The REA's Chief Executive sits on the Prime Minister's Jet Zero Council.
- Member working group on longer duration energy storage and, on behalf of BEIS, we have recently managed the event briefing for the Government Longer Duration Energy Storage Demonstration Innovation Competition for electric, thermal and power-to-X energy storage



TALKING TO YOU

We communicate with members mostly through our website and direct email newsletters. We send regular Green Gas Forum newsletters and regular updates to the members of the Hydrogen Working Group. The REA also has a weekly members' newsletter and produces its REView publication annually. If you don't receive our communications and would like to, please let us know and we will sort it out for you. We are always happy to hear from our members, please email kiara@r-e-a.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all members of the Green Gas Forum. We are here to support you and without you we wouldn't exist. We are grateful for your support and look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

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