**Minutes - Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 – Domestic Emissions Working Group (DEWG). 24th January 2022, 14:00 – 15:00**

**Chair**

Andrew Taylor Scottish Government

**Attendee’s**

Caroline Welsh Scottish Government

Emma Dalgleish Hargreaves Solid Fuels

Graham Applegate SEPA

James Verlaque Stove Industry Alliance

Jason Sutton CPL Industries

Lawson Wight Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps

Lyn Farmer Aberdeenshire Council

Mike Cusick Oxbow Coal Ltd

Peter Layden Arigna Fuels

Peter Mintoft Stove Industry Alliance Technical Committee

Phil Cleaver Federation of British Chimney Sweeps

Robert Hill National Association of Chimney Sweeps

Shauna Clarke Edinburgh City Council

Simon Gilbody Hargreaves Solid Fuels

Susana Sebastian SEPA

Tanith Allinson SEPA (Technical Secretary)

Wilma Brooks Coal Merchants Federation (Great Britain) Ltd and Solid Fuel Association Ltd

**Apologies**

John Stone Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps

Morley Sage clearSkies Mark

1. **Welcome**

Andrew Taylor (AT) welcomed attendee’s

1. **Introductions**

Round table introductions.

1. **Presentation**

AT gave a presentation on CAFS2 background, including current state of air quality in Scotland.

1. **CAFS2 Governance**

AT discussed the governance structure for CAFS2, highlighting the role of the DEWG. AT emphasised that the Scottish Government has set up this working group to engage with industry experts in delivering the commitments outlined in CAFS2.

1. **CAFS2 actions – Domestic Emissions**

AT read through the domestic emissions actions outlined in the ‘CAFS2 Action Tracker – Domestic Emissions Working Group’.

Particularly looking for DEWG support in coordinating different educational schemes to encourage good and responsible burning practice.

Scottish Government are currently looking at legislation to ban house coal and high sulphur fuels as a priority. Also thinking about legislation regarding the sale of wet wood. Legislation could mirror England, although there is an opportunity to do something different in Scotland. DEWG expertise welcomed.

AT opened the floor for comment.

General discussion from members covering the below key themes:

* Timeframes for delivery of actions is critical to the industry so they are aware of and prepared for any changes.
* Government should focus on a cultural shift in regard to fuel burning. Legislation to restrict the sale of wood could expand the grey market, as there is open access to wood in Scotland. Changing culture and demand rather than supply is key to success.
* Defra PM emissions figure from wood burning is incorrect and this needs to be quantified better.

**Action: Phil Cleaver (PC) will share relevant data from over 12k certificates**.

* Chimney sweeping organisations take the message into the homes. Welcome a government backed, central message for customers.
* Need alignment between the CAFS2 action to encourage the uptake of Ecodesign with the action to review the Clean Air Act. Not all Eco-design stoves are Defra approved, this could cause an enforcement issue for local authorities.
* Consistency between administrations regarding legislation is needed.
* 8 fuel producers supplying UK and Ireland. Work with producers rather than users to focus resource.
* Three-tiered approach is needed - fuels, installation and end user. Need to change end user behaviour as well as legislating.

1. **Chair arrangements**

AT asked for those interested in chairing future meetings to express interest to him and Tanith Allinson (TA). Will consider a rolling chair arrangement depending on level of interest.

1. **Sector representation on Ministerial Group**

AT explained that the CAFS2 Ministerial Group sat in December 2021. A member of the DEWG is asked to sit on future Ministerial Group meetings to represent the views of the DEWG. AT asked anyone interested to email him and TA.

1. **Working Group ToR**

ToR circulated by TA. Any comments can be made via email to TA.

1. **Priorities and Next Steps**

The next meeting will be chaired by a member of the group. AT asked the DEWG members to work through the CAFS2 actions in a systematic way and report back views to him and TA.

1. **AOB**

Thanks and close.