**Agenda - Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 – Domestic Emissions Working Group (DEWG)**

**4th May 11:00 - 12:00**

**Invitees**

**Chair**

Phil Cleaver Federation of British Chimney Sweeps

**Secretariat**

Tanith Allinson Scottish Environment Protection Agency

**Invitee’s**

Jason Sutton CPL Industries

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

John Stone Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps (GOMCS)

Lawson Wight Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps (GOMCS)

Bruce Allen HETAS

Hugh Montgomery Pellet Council

Morley Sage clearSkies Mark

James Verlaque Stove Industry Alliance (SIA)

Edward Mitchell Clean Stove Consultants

Mike Cusick Oxbow Coal Ltd

Peter Layden Arigna Fuels

Emma Dalgleish Hargreaves Solid Fuels

Simon Gilbody Hargreaves Solid Fuels

Robert Hill National Association of Chimney Sweeps

Ann Connolly Edinburgh City Council

Graham Applegate Scottish Environment Protection Agency

John Newbold Scotland’s Rural College

Lyn Farmer Aberdeenshire Council

**Apologies**

Shauna Clarke Edinburgh City Council

**1. Welcome**

Chair’s introduction.

**2. Agree previous minutes**

Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

**3. Call for ideas/comments in progressing short term action 2 and 3**

Chair outlined the relevant CAFS 2 delivery plan actions and opened the floor for discussion.

Background on the clearSkies scheme was provided. The scheme is independently governed and has approximately 340 appliances registered. SIA members have committed to having all new appliances registered by 2024.

Background on the HETAS Cleaner Choices scheme was provided. Stoves that reduce emissions 50% above Defra requirements can be approved under the scheme.

No intention currently to integrate Cleaner Choices and clearSkies in to one scheme. Competition between the schemes could be beneficial by offering customer choice and coverage for the market.

It would be useful for industry if each devolved administration followed similar policy/public engagement exercises for consistency for the market and customers. ‘Speak to a Sweep’ could be a useful public education/engagement pathway to promote cleaner stoves and good burning practice as this is one of the main points of contact with householders – need central message for this to be effective.

**Action – Bruce Allen to share information on Cleaner Choices Scheme with Phil Cleaver.**

**Action – Fuel suppliers to share information on fuel schemes (I.e. ‘Ready to Burn’)**

**4. Comments on wider actions and updates from members**

It was raised that education is a longer-term goal whereas regulation is needed promptly to prevent ‘dirtier’ fuels coming on to the Scottish market following bans in England.

Fuel producers need to be on board with regulation. Consistency between UKG and devolved administrations is needed. House coal to be banned in England from May 2023 (but controls have been in place for a while to allow for transition to the ban – may need similar for Scotland).

Scottish Government is currently looking at legislation to ban the sale of house coal and high sulphur fuel as a priority. Wet wood to be considered later. Currently no intention to ban peat burning (considerations would have to include to remote locations and issues surrounding fuel availability/fuel poverty).

Solid Fuel Association website can be used as a customer information hub.

**Action – Tanith Allinson to arrange meeting between Scottish Government and fuel producers/suppliers**

**5. AOB and Close**

Next meeting to focus on transmission routes for education campaigns.