

Ground Source Heat Pump Association

Ground Source Energy Expo at Ricoh Arena

On September 10th we hosted our first Expo event at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry, sponsored by a number of our members as detailed at the footer of this newsletter. Many thanks to them.

We are also grateful to our exhibitors listed below who helped to make the day a success.



We had around 200 delegates take our goodie bags and the Marketing Committee is looking forward to forging the links we established that day. For details of the speeches given on the day please follow www.gshp.org.uk/GSHP_conference2015.html

Website and Useful Links

The GSHPA website holds a wealth of information and member contacts. Visit www.gshp.org.uk
If you would like to add anything to the website please contact us using the 'Contact Us' form on the website.

AGM

A good number of members attended this year's AGM and the minutes can be obtained from David Matthews via our website contacts form.

Marketing Committee

Andrea Ellison has been elected as Chair of the Marketing Committee. (MCC) which currently includes editing the newsletter.

She has lots of ideas for how to move the Association forward and ensure members are involved and notified of events.

She is also calling for new MCC members. If you have any ideas for how you would like to see your Association move forward, or feel you could give some time to the MCC then please contact Andrea on 07766148193 or at andreamellison@aol.com

Council

Welcome to our new Council Members Michael Chendorain of Arup, Chris Davidson of Genius Energy Labs, Andrea Ellison of Dragon Drilling, David Jenkinson of MGS / Geothermal Supplies, Neil Lawson of GI Energy and Dave Thompson of Ground Heat who were elected at the AGM.

For details about them and other Council members visit www.gshp.org.uk/GSHPA_Council_Members.html

The Council meet on a regular basis and welcome any matters you may want to be added to the agenda via the website contact page.

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National Awards

Congratulations to a number of our members who won national awards at the Heating and Renewable Awards Ceremony held on 10th September. For details of the winners follow

heatingandrenewablesroadshow.co.uk/awards-2-2

Update on RHI and Government policy

We are aware that there has been some speculation that the current Government Spending Review could lead to restrictions on the RHI beyond April 2016.

At the moment we can report that, according to all our sources, no final decisions about extending the RHI beyond April 2016 have been made and it is being reviewed as part of the new Government's Spending Review 2015. This Spending Review is due to report on the 25th November 2015 and we do not expect to obtain final confirmation before this date.

In the meantime, the Association has been keeping in close contact with DECC and we are feeding into Government and Parliamentary contacts wherever we can to promote the GSHPA Manifesto http://www.gshp.org.uk/pdf/GSHPA_Manifesto.pdf

Amber Rudd, the Energy Minister, has been reporting to the Parliamentary Energy and Climate Change committee that the Government is committed to Renewable Heat but the first priority is building new homes rather than low and zero carbon homes.

The Association will update members as soon as we hear any news on RHI or any initiatives to promote GS technology in new build properties. Council is aware of the lack of clear messaging from Government and the effects this has on members trying to run effective businesses. We are communicating this message as clearly as we can to all layers of Government.

We know that biomass tariffs have been severely affected because take-up has been encouraged by generous tariffs. The take-up for GSHP is a long way below target and this is at odds with all the aims of DECC as stated in its Heat Strategy.

GSHPA will continue to work on behalf of our members and keep you updated as soon as we hear anything from DECC.

(Provided by Chris Davidson)

DECC

There has been a lot of press interest in the movements of DECC and renewable energies and one of DECC's representatives made it his business to come to our Expo to find out more about our industry and how DECC could help to move it forward. He had informal discussions with some of our sponsors and exhibitors and members of the MCC who are hoping to meet with him at Whitehall soon.

Member Discounts

EMC Advertising Gifts have kindly offered all our members a 5% discount on all promotional items ordered from them.

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Case Studies

Case studies are a useful aid to all our marketing and some examples can be found on the website at

www.gshp.org.uk/GSHP_Case_Studies.html

More welcome!

Please send to andreamellison@aol.com

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On 21st July during Oral Evidence to the Energy & Climate Change Committee, Amber Rudd was asked to clarify the DECC position on carbon vs. renewable targets. Her response was as follows: "What I mean is de-carbonising is the most important approach. So low carbon energy is important to us as well and renewables are part of that mix. But the targets that we have that are run, for instance, through the Climate Change Committee are about de-carbonising. In order to meet some of our targets, we need to do more on heat."

She also made comments on the 2016 target for zero carbon homes as follows: "What has been done at the moment is to postpone it. We must face up to the fact that we do have a housing crisis and that particularly the Allowable Solutions point was perceived as a tax on delivering new houses. I know that my colleagues at DCLG are very committed to making sure that we build new houses. That is the first point I would make. Secondly, in the discussions that I did have with the Secretary of State we did agree that he would work closely with me, with my Department, and that he and I would meet to discuss further what can be done for the existing housing stock. Getting improvements to the existing housing stock seems like the big prize to try to work with DCLG on. So, although we are not having new zero carbon homes for now, we are working together on seeing what we can do for the existing housing stock."

We have long argued that energy efficiency across the existing housing stock will do far more for carbon reduction in the UK economy than continuing for marginal improvements in new build quality because of the massive number of inefficient homes still in use. The deployment of GSHPs can make a significant contribution to carbon efficiency in the existing housing stock, not only upon immediate installation but increasingly as the national grid becomes increasingly de-carbonised through the removal of coal-fired generation and the deployment of a higher proportion of low-carbon generating capacity.

The GSHPA will continue to highlight this benefit and will continue to work with all other agencies to obtain better recognition of this in the future both at DECC and at DCLG with respect to planning policy and SAP alignment. *(Provided by Bean Beanland)*

Events

If you know of an event that you would like to see our Association at please let us know.

The MCC would like to start organising national and local events for members to become involved with and possibly host. Please let Andrea Ellison know if you would be interested in getting involved at andreamellison@aol.com or telephone 07766148193.

Contact Details

Please provide **up to date contact details** for Financial Matters, Newsletters, Technical Matters, Membership Matters and Policy Matters using the contacts page on our website.

www.gshp.org.uk/contact_GSHPA.html

Company Focus

We would like to highlight a different company each month as a 'Focus Company' within our membership.

Here you have the chance to let the membership know who you are and what you can offer within the industry. If you would like to be featured let Andrea Ellison know via the website www.gshp.org.uk/contact_GSHPA.html

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