



MINUTES OF THE CBCA MEETING
ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2023
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PRESENT

Andrew Gaskell	Chairman	Frenger Systems Ltd
Alan Green		Trox UK Ltd
Mike Gosling		Trox UK Ltd
Ajeeb Mohammed		Swegon Ltd
Chris Yates	Secretary	FETA

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed attendees and all those present introduced themselves.

2. FETA Competition Guidelines

The Competition Law Guidelines were noted and joining the call or attending in person was taken as acceptance of them accordingly.

3. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Michel Ainley of Frenger and Dan Jones of Swegon.

4. Minutes of 16th March 2023 meeting

The previous minutes were agreed by the meeting and CY authorised to sign them on behalf of the chair. Dates changes were noted which have now been done.

5. Actions Arising from the minutes not covered under the agenda

All members of the CBCA have been contacted who are not selling Chilled beams and ceilings and advise they will be taken off the list unless they can demonstrate otherwise - Done.

CY has added Dan Jones to the Air Distribution list and taken Waterloo off the CBCA and other lists.

6. Membership

No changes to membership.

7. Life Cycle Costings

TM65

C/F from 15/3/23 - CY mentioned that LG were happy to host a meeting/training session on using heat pumps with fan coils and possibly chilled beams and ceiling. To be progressed.

Action CY

CY has spoken to Carl Collins at CIBSE about TM 65 in terms of information they have on building embodied carbon for different types done the work and will they share data? What PR can be done around TM65 and embodied carbon? CY to discuss with CIBSE.

Action CY

The meeting discussed TM65 and how it was being used in the industry. AG reported that some contractors have been asking for data, which would suggest it is getting more traction.

SPONS

MG was concerned that chilled beams, could get adversely affected by material price increases over the last few years. CY advised that AECOM collect data from what they see on contracts themselves. This should counterbalance the figures that are being submitted by industry through the process that we started albeit we now need to restart it, because all the people that we spoke to have resigned from AECOM. CY is progressing new contacts and will keep members advised over the next month or so hopefully get a new meeting with a technical author involved at their end.

Action CY

MG raised the question of how widely used SPONS is by quantity surveyors as he was concerned over the effort versus a reward. This was found to be a fair point by the meeting and would be considered in any discussions. in terms of what was expected from the Association.

In terms of Environmental Products Declarations (EPDs), MG thought that it might be worthwhile identifying and appointing an EPD holder. He reminded the meeting that Norway had checked the problem as an industry rather than individual companies and largely solve this that should be possible with chilled beams as they are largely the same but may be impacted by material which CY suggested we could have an adjustment in the program to enable different Sources of material to be reflected in the calculations. May be able to look at Fan Coils as well as part of the process.

The EPD needs to be accredited in an individual nation and has to be approved for the UK. CY mentioned that he had been in contact with an EBD consultant who could become available in the summer of 2024 which the Association/HEVAC council could see if there is a wider interest. MG believes that EPD calculations should not be used as a commercial lever.

Andrew G confirmed that different manufacturers will have different embodied carbon figures that is dependent upon both the raw material supply chain and the production location in respect to the market they are sold in, so using average figures for a group of suppliers may not be acceptable.

The meeting agreed that there should be a way of differentiating steel that has been sourced in China compared with Europe as they would have different embodied carbon figures.

MG advised of Norway employed a EPD holder for those specific products and MG to share EPD older details for the UK in order that CY can make contact.

Action MG/CY

8. Building Regulations, Certification and Standards

Building Regulations

CY updated the group on his meeting with Peter Rankin and the team at the Building Safety Regulator dealing with the technical aspects of building regulations. It is anticipated that the consultation for Part L will be out before Christmas but may be as soon as this month. The meeting discussed heat pumps and CY hoped to arrange a training session with LG All the subjects with the Fan Coil group as previously covered.

9. Marketing of Chilled Beams & Ceilings

CY had sent members details of the LinkedIn page.

Future subjects for press coverage:

- Embodied carbon with CIBSE – joint promotion
- How good chilled beams are for health. Health care applications need to be on the list.

Action CY

10. SBEM

CY had confirmed that following a discussion with Roger Hitchin, it seemed that chilled beams were included in SBEM.

Action Members

Association to consider responding under Part L consultation on SBEM as it is likely to be consulted on. Defaults for associated plant and equipment for Active and Passive Chilled Beams to be covered.

Action All

11. Energy Technology List (ETL)

The last meeting had discussed Enhanced Capital Allowances wanting independent tests and would not accept Eurovent. CY had got confirmation that Eurovent would be accepted (since 2017). CY agreed to find out if this would be included in the ETL webinars.

Action CY

Andrew G informed the meeting that Eurovent advised that a low Delta T on chilled water can cause less accuracy.

12. NHS Health Technical Memorandum

CY advised that he had written and spoke to Michael Rope and advised of the Association's concerns and agreed a way of working with the NHS.

Letters sent to ministers to be circulated and CY to advise on response.

Action CY

Andrew G confirmed Michael Ainley had written to the Frenger MP, Amanda Soloway, as well.

13. AOB

CY advised that FETA had set up an F-Gas Regulation Strategy Group in August to address the upcoming UK regulation.

14. 2024 meetings

Meetings to be every 4 months. FETA to advise dates in November. Summer one to face to face in Hare Hatch.

Chairman:

Date: