

APPG CCS Meeting

Tuesday 20th October 2015
Minutes

In attendance

Alex Cunningham MP	Chair
Baroness Worthington	
Lord Oxburgh	
David Mowat MP	
Angus MacNeil MP	
Sam Reeve	Office of Alex Cunningham MP
Nathan Sparling	Office of Eilidh Whiteford MP
Grant Johnson	Costain
Jason Golder	The Crown Estate
Ward Goldthorpe	The Crown Estate
Sam Botterill	Energy Institute
Jeff Chapman	
Andrew Green	ETI
Dustin Benton	Green Alliance
Jeremy Nicholson	EIUG
Richard Warren	EEF
Allan Baker	SocGen
Scott Reid	Praseg
Amy Clemitshaw	OCCS/DECC
Will Lochhead	OCCS/DECC
Phil MacDonald	Sandbag
Michael Gibbons	CCSA
Luke Warren	CCSA
Judith Shapiro	CCSA
Theo Mitchell	CCSA

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Alex Cunningham MP (Chair) welcomed attendees to the meeting and then introduced Luke Warren (Chief Executive of the CCSA) as the first speaker.

Luke Warren then gave a presentation on the CCSA's "*Delivering CCS*" report.

A brief discussion then followed:

- A comment was made that industrial CCS should be higher up on the agenda as it is a politically big issue (e.g. the lost of the steel industry – which industry is next?)
- One MP raised a number of questions:
 - What is the CCS policy in Europe?
 - What is Germany doing (building a large number of new coal plant but no CCS)?
 - The cost of CCS is affected by coal and gas prices – so coal-CCS should be cheaper?
 - Are the emissions from coal-CCS the same as the emissions from unabated gas plant?
 - Is there a technology challenge [with CCS]?

Amy Clemitshaw (head of policy at OCCS in DECC) then gave a short presentation, setting out the Government's policy on CCS and briefly responding to the CCSA "*Delivering CCS*" report.

Another discussion then followed:

- A point was made that there are double standards for nuclear which has not had to go through a competitive process.
- A question was raised as to whether there are other projects ready to take part in phase 2?
 - In response, Lord Oxburgh stated that phase 2 [CCS projects] is a big concern, as the entry ticket for industries is very high. At present, there is still no clarity on the framework for phase 2.
- Regarding industrial CCS, it was emphasised that technologies are needed that can be rolled out globally, otherwise these sectors will decarbonise via re-location (which is not decarbonisation). Development of industrial CCS policies needs to move faster than is currently happening.
- Baroness Worthington pointed out that the Energy Bill will soon be coming to the Commons, so MPs have an opportunity to put forward strong amendments for real policies to deliver CCS.
- A suggestion was made that DECC could work now with the industry on the policy for phase 2 projects – for example a call for projects under the next round of CfDs (assuming the infrastructure is in place), covering both power and industrial CCS.

A brief discussion was held on the forward programme for the APPG CCS. Members were asked to email any other thoughts and ideas to the APPG secretariat.

In terms of deliverables, all members agreed the following:

- The APPG members/co-chairs should write a letter to Amber Rudd
- The APPG members should seek a meeting with Anna Soubry, Small Business, Industry and Enterprise Minister