**Minutes Sustainability Leadership Group meeting**

**10th February 2022 - online**

Present at the meeting:

Iain Mcilwee, FIS

Flavie Lowres, FIS

Charlie Law, Pallet Loop

Paul Gaughan, 21 Construction

Sila Danik, St Gobain

Joe Croft, Overbury

Anna Baker, Carey Group

Ian Heptonstall, Supply Chain Sustainability School

Carl Davidson, Zentia

Lauren Sowden, Bryson

Lisa Trainor, Portview

Sonny Johal, Stortford Interior

Dylan Hopwood, Bryson

Ana Foden, ISG

Minutes:

The mission of the FIS Sustainability Leadership Group is to support sustainable transformation and a net zero approach within the finishes and interiors sector

The role of the sustainability leadership group is to review sustainability activities of FIS, to provide guidance, expertise and critical review of outputs.

Key aims: the key aims of the sustainability leadership group are to:

* Inform design
* Increase understanding and expertise in sustainability
* Establish targets and standardization
* Create a sharing network

At the December 2021 meeting, a number of projects were proposed and presented

1. Defining sustainability for the sector
2. A dynamic sustainability network
3. A focus on waste
4. Project Green Thread
5. Circular solutions

An update on progress of each project was presented on 10th February

Project 1: Defining sustainability for the sector

Aim:To define areas of focus for the sector

Sustainability means different things for different organization and different parts of the supply chain. The aim of this project will be to identify 6 themes to focus on for 2022. For each theme, an action plan will be created and presented bi-monthly. Each action plan might include:

* A short position paper to explain: the relevance of the theme to FIS members, drivers, current industry position
* Possible measurement and targets – where applicable
* Training requirements

The 6 themes that were identified in December were:

* Circular economy
* Net zero
* Packaging
* Social value
* Health and wellbeing
* Resource efficiency

The first theme that has been explored to date is “Net Zero”. At the workshop in December, it was agreed that this theme should consider:

* + Key topics of interest: request EPD, embodied carbon/whole life carbon measurement, organisational carbon measurement and reduction, create industry targets
	+ Most aspects of net zero were rated as medium to hard to implement and high impact

A number of papers have been drafted by FIS and presented to the group on 10th February and discussed. Following this meeting, it was agreed that a separate discussion on the topic was necessary.

***Action:***

* **FIS to invite members for a discussion on net zero/LCA papers to include:**
	+ **Agree what net zero means for finishes and interior sector**
	+ **Agree on scope of the assessment for LCA of fit out project**
	+ **Review papers to ensure language is suitable for all levels of knowledge in membership, eg: link with scope 1, 2, 3**
	+ **Include section on carbon sequestration in LCA paper**
	+ **Explain value of EPD**
* **All to review the papers circulated before the meeting and send comments to Flavie.**

Project 2: A dynamic sustainability network

Aim: To engage the FIS community and simplify sustainability

The following activities are in progress:

* Simplify hub – review of website structure and content to better support the needs of the members:
	+ Introducing sustainability
	+ Training: Develop & promote SCSS e-learning hub
	+ Sector specific activities
	+ How to measure sustainability: both at organizational and business activities level
	+ Events
	+ Case studies – Spec Finish: promote best practice

***Actions:***

* **Link pages with relevant sections in Supply Chain Sustainability School, in particular with regards to LCA/net Zero – Flavie to speak to Iain**
* **Set up a date for the first “coffee with Flavie” session**

Project 3: A focus on waste

Aim: Key interventions to help reduce demolition waste

A working group will be set up to initiate this activity.

***Actions:***

* **FIS to send invitation to a working group**
* **FIS to engage with NFDC to promote waste management and responsible strip out businesses**

Project 5: Circular solutions

Co-operative Re-use initiative

A paper was circulated on the “re-use initiative” proposed by FIS – see email 26th November. The paper provides an overview of the aim of such initiative, the reasons why it is relevant, what the main issues are to make reuse more mainstream and who needs to be involved. A meeting with FIS contractors will take place on 23rd February in London. Actions for next steps will be identified then.

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The following information was shared on the day:

* **“Bill to regulate embodied carbon was presented and approved to Parliament on 2nd February** [Tory MP to introduce embodied carbon bill in Parliament (architectsjournal.co.uk)](https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/tory-mp-to-introduce-embodied-carbon-bill-in-parliament?eea=NlZxSmgrZHNKY3dHVTljc0xQd3RxWnBXSEpiSXErYUNTckgzNVMvdWVRTT0%3D)”
* **Towards a market for low emissions industrial products: call for evidence -** [Towards a market for low emissions industrial products: call for evidence - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/towards-a-market-for-low-emissions-industrial-products-call-for-evidence)

Next meeting

Face to face – date to be agreed