ChargeUK – Policy and Communications Group
Monday 26 June 2023

Introductions

1. **Vicky Read (VR)** introduced the meeting and talked the group through the new ways of working including the weekly 11am Tuesday meeting. **Dan Simpson (DS)** updated the group on the recent meeting of the board, and the forthcoming meeting grid. **VR** reminded members they are welcome to bring internal colleagues to relevant meetings.

2. **ACTION:** Connect will circulate papers the week before the policy meeting.

Policy tracker

3. **VR** introduced the policy tracker, and highlighted how the grid will be the introduction for each weekly meeting. **DS** updated the group on the **Rapid Charging Fund** and recent conversations with OZEV. He highlighted how OZEV will now be looking to us to produce alternative proposals for how the fund should work.

4. **ACTION:** Connect will convene off schedule meetings with members to discuss future proposals on **RCF** and how we will be able to contribute.

5. **VR** talked through the **consumer experience workstream.** She updated on the OZEV meeting which she attended with **Jarrod Birch (JB)** in recent weeks. There was discussion on timings of the forthcoming regulations. **VR** noted that the consumer experience and accessibility was scheduled for a full discussion in the coming weeks. Discussion touched on the technical working group Which has been set up to discuss reliability among other ongoing consumer issues, and which ChargeUK has been invited to attend, with first meeting on 5 July. DS notes the disparity between members of ChargeUK and non-members. **DS** informed the group about the membership he understood to be on the group, and suggested we would propose additional members to OZEV, specifically with an operational background.

6. **ACTION:** Connect to raise the membership of the technical working group with OZEV.

7. **VR** updated on remaining workstreams including accessibility and PAS 1899, card pre-authentication, ZEMO work on terminology, VAT, RTFO, ZEV, Road Pricing and LEVI.

8. **ACTION: Connect** to revert with the wider group on card pre-authentication.

9. **ACTON: ChargeUK** to speak to **Motability**, schedule a time for future discussion on accessibility and discuss nomination of a lead member and will speak to **ZEMO** regarding terminology.

10. **ACTION: Nick De Mestre** is producing a paper on **VAT** to summarise the current situation, and secure alignment.

11. **ACTION: Natasha Mahmoudian** is producing a paper on the **RTFO** which will be circulated ahead of a scheduled meeting.

12. **ACTION: Jaynesh Patel** to prepare note on **road pricing** for future discussion.

13. **ACTION:** Group to discuss **LEVI** in early autumn, once initial phases of the programme have bedded down.

BARRIERS

14. **VR** introduced the item and asked **DS** to set the context for today's deep dive. He set out how the **Department for Transport** had set out a lack of national understanding of the full cycle of barriers which are slowing or blocking the rollout.

15. He outlined how **ChargeUK** had produced the process maps in the documents ahead of a data request. He asked members to reflect on the paper and the process maps and informed members that this map would form the basis of the data request. This data will be used to inform OZEV about barriers, but also as a potential external media piece of work. **DS** highlighted how we would like this response to contain quantitative data as well as some very strong case studies.

16. **DS** reminded the group of the ChargeUK competition policy. **Nila Gibb (NG)** offered to share a list of what can and cannot be shared under the competition policy ahead of the request.

17. **ACTION: NG and DS** to speak offline ahead of the data request.

18. **DS** talked through the slide deck which was circulated ahead of the meeting. He noted that each member would have their own processes, but these process maps were designed to be a simplified version which broadly captures the process carried out by most members.

19. **Members'** discussion noted that the map looks like a linear process, when in reality in many cases multiple parts of the process are happening at the same time. DS highlighted how this both needs to be historical and future looking. **NG** asked if cost of the barriers was a key point needed – **VR** highlighted how time was the most important point, and we could potentially break that down further – from averages to extremes. There was also a view expressed by some that it could be difficult to measure or gather data on the specific costs associated with barriers.

20. In discussion, members talked about if the cost question adds a value, if cost is a stand-alone barrier that would be helpful for OZEV, **Natasha Mahmoudian (NM)** if we could include the RTFO at the viability stage and if we could include cancelled projects. **Members** asked if we needed TRO and permits in the private connections. Members suggested the need to appropriately reflect the delays caused by local authorities being required to produce a strategy and procurement process, a resident consultation and broader site selection by local authorities.

21. **Richard Stobart (RS)** highlighted there was an alternative map which is the public AC with an existing connection and asked if ChargeUK can produce an alternative map.

22. **ACTION**: Members to provide written commentary on the process maps or the data request by the end of the week.

23. **ACTION:** Connect to refine and go out to members on individual data request, along with a timelines map for the project.

AOB

24. **DS** informed group he had his regular meeting with OZEV on Friday and asked if any members had topics they wanted to raise. The current list is: Consumer Regulations, technical work group, update on barriers, RCF.

25. **VR** noted that ChargeUK met with SMMT last week and **DS** provided a brief update on the conversation.

26. **Jaynesh Patel (JP)** asked about communications – **VR** highlighted this will initially be discussed next week.

ATTENDEES

Members
Vicky Read (Chair), Connected Kerb
Rosanna Turnham, BP Pulse,
Karin Bräckle, IONITY
Randal Smith, UrbanFox
Tom Hurst, FastNed
Fred Leballois, Total Energies
Ian Johnston, Osprey (Chair, ChargeUK)
Natasha Mahmoudian, Tesla
James McKemey, Podpoint
Jodie Brown, Shell
Martina Hunt, GRIDSERVE
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