

ChargeUK Board: Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 1 May 2024, 11am

Attendees:

Chris Pateman-Jones, Rosanna Turnham, James McKemey (JMK), Ian Johnston, Jarrod Birch, Dan Simpson, Harry Methley, James Millar (JM), Emma Cutler, Connor Whyton

Discussion

Introduction

1. Welcomes and introductions were exchanged. The competition policy was flagged.

CEO and Manifesto Launch

2. CPJ currently has the DocuSign for the new CEO appointment before it moves onto Vicky Read.
3. DS made attendees aware that Vicky Read will be talking to an insurance broker to ensure appropriate provisions for ChargeUK.
4. DS shared that the launch of the CEO would be decoupled from the launch of the manifesto. The formal process for the CEO announcement will be sent over to attendees.
5. DS continued that a press announcement would be made under embargo, before the announcement is circulated on ChargeUK social media.
6. On the decoupling of the CEO and manifesto announcements, DS reasoned that the manifesto launch coupled with the data request would be a more powerful media tool, and would allow the new CEO time before their first high-profile press release.
7. JMK noted that new data had been released on OZEV statistics. CPJ noted that the release of such stats presented opportunities to work with OZEV, and should be seized in future.
8. IJ highlighted that the processes of internal appointments would be released next Tuesday, attendees agreed this was a good opportunity to showcase the legitimacy of the process.
9. Despite the decoupling of the CEO and manifesto announcements, CPJ noted that an announcement on new members and the fact that a new CEO had been appointed could be made.
10. Attendees noted the opportunity of highlighting the potential of the private network, and the number of CPOs in press announcements. Attendees agreed to wait for the data request before sending out press announcements.
11. IJ recommended a separate email from CPJ asking members for responses to the data request. Attendees agreed to work together to chase members on this request.

VAT Letter from HMT to FairCharge

12. IJ highlighted the lack of solid stance from the Department on the issue. Attendees agreed on building good relations with the Department in order to influence in this area.

ENA and Deployment Group

13. IJ shared that there is a ChargeUK ENA meeting in June. He also noted the deployment meeting for members on the 10th of May. He noted the importance of getting the group's priorities straight ahead of the ENA meeting.

14. DS noted that the policy committee meeting could be used to discuss aligning charging categories as much as possible to slot in with government thinking.
15. IJ noted that ChargeUK is still having battles with Northern DNOs, and that the National Grid is still a huge issue for the group.
16. In terms of awareness of the National Grid issue, IJ asked for the deployment subgroup to be included in the email looking for feedback on the data request.

DESNZ Consultation

17. JB gave an update on the consultation. He added that the proposal will be discussed within the group, and suggested sending a response to the consultation.
18. RT noted the importance of a cautious approach here, if the charging network is seen to be participating in the energy market. Building on this, DS noted that although critical national infrastructure comes with obligations, there are opportunities here.
19. CPJ suggested a collective view on cybersecurity. He also noted the importance of championing the positives of EV charging for the National Grid.

DESNZ Consultation

20. DS flagged the monthly OZEV meeting, and asked attendees if they had other agenda items. IJ noted signage and preauthorisation.
21. HM asked for signed membership agreements.

Actions

1. Secretariat to send CEO announcement process to officers.
2. Secretariat to produce draft email requesting for data request feedback.
3. Secretariat to include a reminder on the deployment subgroup in this email.
4. Attendees to provide agenda items for monthly OZEV meeting.
5. Attendees to provide signed membership agreements.