

Members Meeting:

Venue: London, UK : ARUP, Dunican Room, 8 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2013

Session Chair: Kemi Adeyeye WATEF network coordinator

Attendees:

Full members as at 19 November

Kemi Adeyeye, Watef Coordinator, University of Brighton
Ikenna Ajiero, Herriot Watt University
Phil Barnard, Chandlers Building Supplies
Alison Murphy, Sutton & East Surrey Water
Magda Styles, RPS Group
Sarah Weaving, Water Innovation Network
Suzy Armsden, Watef Administrator, University of Brighton
Jean Balnave, Watef Administrator, University of Brighton

Full members now basic as at 19 November

Mike Lee, Energy Team
Phil Turton, Water Bulletin

Basic member

Mary Gearey

Non-members

Doug Clarke, Severn Trent Water
Cath Hassell, ECH20
Andrew Tucker, EST
Angela Wallis, Environment Agency

- Chair: Kemi Adeyeye – thanks to everyone for attending and welcome to new members.
- Objective of meeting – give an overview of what we did last year, what we are doing this year etc. Success of the network is due to members and others contributions.
- Participants were asked to introduce themselves : actions resulting: Sarah Weaving to give Kemi information on the Water Innovation Network for WATEF website.

Phase II review: review of achievements over the last 12 months

- Kemi Adeyeye: As Government funding cut – our current remit from DEFRA is more of communication/ networking approach. Plans for future : we are organising master classes and a conference in 2014. Conference will be more industry focused. Over coming year many opportunities to contribute to our master classes and conferences.
- **Growing international interest** in the network from New Zealand, Australia and parts of the USA. As network growing and to reduce our carbon footprint we are proposing a **virtual**

master class. Martin Schouler is hosting the next virtual master class as a trial. For 2014 two more master classes are planned to take place. Programme not fixed – tend to evolve – Martin to advise on proposed programme for trial virtual master class (4 June 2014)

- **Annual WATEF conference 9-11 September 2014:** not very academic more industry-led so anyone can participate - we encourage this to be industry-led conference. Still in negotiations with Waterwise on whether they can do in conjunction with ourselves. Key challenge is that we need to accommodate university calendar as well. Conference venue will be at University of Brighton - only way we can make sure conference is affordable. We had conference in March in Oxford and this was quite expensive. Call for papers to be circulated shortly.
- We are also hosting **Water Reuse event on 8 April for DEFRA** - venue to be University of Brighton. Water companies are welcome to ask us to events which are relevant.
- Messaging: keen to engage with general public – attended water event in Birmingham. We make significant effort to join community events to engage with general public. We also liaise with local water companies.
- Research: No DEFRA funding – if members have interesting case studies please let us know and we can disseminate. If area of research lacking please let us know and we can feedback to DEFRA.
- New Members – any aspects where we should be doing more?
- Andrew – first hand measured evidence – advised to talk to Carol Hicks who co-ordinates SE WWI – she can help. Andrew – live desegregated data? Advised to look at work of Cara Beale – available on website also can help with field trials using Smart products.
- Cath – are water companies using automatic data logging? Schools have access but don't understand data. Magda – need dedicated person within school. Core data could be useful to Facilities Management. Alison – equipment quite expensive. Doug – back end analytics expensive – education approach taken by water companies.
- Phil as retrofitting becomes more popular do we run risk of becoming like double glazing companies. Is there best practice after launch of Waterwise equipment ? Phil if fitting contracted out yes – need to ensure right equipment for right property provided. Magda : water efficiency devices should be fit for purpose and have follow-up customer care.
- Andrew: are water companies paying for education advice, installation engineer etc. ? Doug: no they are not paying for installation engineer as building is being improved – on education they push this to client giving a clearly defined plan. Alison: similar approach – training staff to give right message to customer.
- After new Housing Standard comes out Andrew and Cath to work together to create summary and also when new water labelling comes out. Action: to be included in February master class (Kemi)

Any other business

- Cath provides a newsletter – everyone encouraged to sign up to it.
- Kemi if you have any news, events, case studies, if you want to be subject champion, then there is scope for you within the network if there is anything innovative, novel or events– we will put it in the next master class. Big thank you to Jean for all her help over the years.