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During the first reporting period 3 Advisory Committee meetings has been organized by the ESS.

The first meeting was held 18th August 2011:

All the members gave a short presentation of themselves. We counted 4 producers, 1 supplier, 1 distributor, 1 buyer and 2 advisors among the 14 members. This was a good composition since the prerequisite was to have the whole value chain represented.

The main subject for the day was the presentation and approval of the new home page, www.biogassydost.se and <http://bio-methaneregions.se>, suggested by the working group.

The chairman of the board for Kalmar Biogas commented the many articles that had been published during the summer in the local newspapers concerning the deficits of the company and gave her picture of the situation.

The host for the day was Stefan Halldorf from Hushållningssällskapet, advisors in energy and agriculture. He presented their organization and how they promote the use of biogas and bio-methane.

Ingela Nilsson, another advisor representing the LRF (The Federation of Swedish Farmers) reported from the conference on the Isle of Gotland in July, called the Almedal week where the whole Swedish public sector gathers every year.

Hannele from the ESS presented the Bio-methane Region project and what is expected from the Advisory Board.

Finally, we discussed the Regional Strategy and Action Plan and decided to start the work by organizing a regional seminar for politicians and other stakeholders in order to make sure that we have their commitment. A working group consisting of four members of the advisory group was built and a first telephone meeting was decided to take place 24th August.

The second meeting was held 8th November after the regional seminar.

Perhaps it was too close to the seminar of the 28th October since only half of the members were present. The meeting took place on the biogas and bio-methane plant of the Municipality of Växjö. The project manager for the new production line who also is a member of the AC, Mr. Steve Karlsson, showed us around. The Municipality of Växjö has decided that all their busses will run on bio-methane from 2013 and forward therefore the municipality will start to collect household waste and adjusting the production so that they can supply the bio-methane needed.



The main subject for the day was the strategy and the action plan and many issues were discussed, e.g. how to match the timetables between production and consumption. Since it takes about two years from the start of production, it is very important that the decisions are made in time and that there are customers that have committed themselves to buy the bio-methane produced.

Another important question concerned existing and non-existing political decisions as well as the distribution of bio-methane. How many filling stations are needed and where should they be located? A need of an inventory of the substrate in all the three counties was another question that was highlighted.

The third meeting with the Advisory Committee was held 23rd January 2012:

The third meeting was held in Karlshamn at E.ON's premises and the host for the day was Mr. Roland Nilsson from E.ON Gas. He opened the meeting by giving a short presentation of the company. E.ON Gas has approximately 100 employees. Between 15 and 30 of them work with vehicle fuels. E.ON Gas will invest 70 MSEK (approx. 8M€) in gas filling stations by 2012. The company produces 9 TWh out of the whole Swedish production of 15 TWh biogas.

Hannele presented the template that is used in the Bio-methane Regions project for Regional Strategy and Action Plan. It was discussed and approved with minor adjustments. It was also agreed that the 2 x65 newsletters that has to be produced in the project would have the following contents: The technical newsletters should follow the planned plants and the non-technical newsletters should follow the progress of the Regional Strategy and Action Plan.

Another work group was set up for the work with the strategy and the date for the telephone meeting was agreed to 17th February.