

Understanding how to transition to Electric Vehicles in business and at home

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 0AZ

DRAFT AGENDA

8.00am

Registration and morning refreshments

8.45am - **Event welcome/introduction**

David Thornton

Principal Transport Planner (Electric Vehicles)
Cheshire West and Chester Council

Sarah Bailey

CEO

West Cheshire & North Wales Chamber of Commerce

Sarah joined the Chamber in March 2024 after 17 years at NatWest where she supported thousands of businesses through her roles, most recently as Director of Business Banking. The Chamber has recently launched its Vision 2026, prioritising four key areas of focus that, if addressed, will enable businesses to thrive:

- Bridging the Employment and Skills gap across West Cheshire and North Wales.
- Promoting International Trade and supporting businesses to navigate the changing landscape.
- Creating enhanced Infrastructure and Connectivity for our region to meet the needs of businesses.
- Focusing on Climate Challenge and the increased demands on businesses to be more sustainable.

8.50am - **EVs & business benefits**

Paul Clarke

Founder & Editor - Green Car Guide

- Introduction to EVs
- Saving money by transitioning to an EV fleet, & environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG)
- The latest electric cars

Paul Clarke founded Green Car Guide in 2006 and has personally reviewed every electric car that's been on sale in the UK. Paul also runs Automotive Comms, directing communication projects in the automotive, EV and charging sectors. Paul has presented at a large number of events including every UK Fully Charged LIVE show.

9.05am - **Understanding EV charging options and grants for business**

Richard Mallender

Regional Account Manager with the Local Government Support Programme Energy Saving Trust

- EV charging overview
- Charging at home, at work, in public
- Grants

The Energy Saving Trust (EST) offers support and advice on EV strategy, procurement and sustainable travel, working closely with colleagues managing the OZEV on-street residential chargepoint scheme (ORCS) and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme (LEVI) and supporting the transition to electric vehicles. Richard was formerly in Transport Strategy at Nottingham City Council, working with business and other organisations to promote sustainable transport.

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9.15am - **Getting power to EVs**

Rachel Shorney

Strategic Optimisation Team Manager
SP Energy Networks

- Introduction to SP Energy Networks
- What is a Distribution and Transmission Network Operator?
- What is SP Energy Networks doing in the area of EV charging in Cheshire

Rachel is a Chartered Electrical Engineer with over 30 years of experience at SPEN. Early on, she worked within Design & Connections, but now heads up a team working across SPEN's licensed areas in Scotland, north west England and Wales. Her focus is assisting stakeholders, devolved governments and Local Authorities with their decarbonisation strategy planning.

9.20am - **Cheshire West and Chester Council charging update**

David Thornton

Principal Transport Planner (Electric Vehicles)
Cheshire West and Chester Council

- What is LEVI and its purpose?
- How will the EV charging network grow in the region?

9.25am - **Transitioning to EVs – local business case studies**

Matthew Farrell

Farrells

Transition to eHGV

- How Farrells transitioned to electric HGVs

EV fleet and workplace charging in practice

Dave A Roberts (TBC)

Managing Director – EA VisNet

EA Technology

- How EA Technology installed workplace charging

9.35am - **How EVs are part of a business energy audit around renewables**

Greville Kelly

Director

Groundwork CLM

- Introduction to Groundwork and support for business transition to net zero
- Why EVs are an important part of the net zero journey
- Why EVs need to be part of a move to renewable energy

Greville Kelly is an experienced sustainable business specialist committed to helping companies realise competitiveness improvements through sustainability enhancements. Greville has managed programmes that have supported 1000s of Northwest businesses to thrive by integrating environmental best practice into their operations, delivering impactful change and supporting companies to progress towards net-zero.

9.40am - **Transitioning to an EV factory**

Dianne Miller TBC

Ellesmere Port Plant Director

Stellantis

- Introduction to Stellantis and the Ellesmere Port site
- The transition to EV production
- Further EV sector development

9.45am - **Panel Q&As**

Chaired by Paul Clarke

10.00am - **Close**

Specialist presentation sessions:

- 10.00am: Tax savings through salary sacrifice: Name TBC, DriveElectric TBC
- 10.30am: EV choice – commercial & domestic - current and forthcoming: Paul Clarke, Green Car Guide
- 11.00am: EHGV transition: Matthew Farrell
- 11.30am: Improving power supply to the region: Rachel Shorney (TBC), SP Energy Networks
- 12.00noon: Changing production processes to EV: Name TBC, Stellantis
- 12.30pm: Developing local EV charging infrastructure: David Thornton, Cheshire West and Chester Council
- 13.00pm: Understanding EV charging: Richard Mallender, Energy Saving Trust
- 13:30pm: Improving power supply to the region: Rachel Shorney (TBC), SP Energy Networks

Test drives and exhibition