

CBM Fastener Sector learns of EV opportunities

Manufacturers and Associates from the CBM Fastener Sector visited WMG, University of Warwick on 30 April for the first CBM Fastener Sector Meeting of the year.

Attendees received a presentation from Simon Garwood, WMG's Innovations Manager, on 'Supply Chain Opportunities from Electrification of Vehicles'. Simon explored the drivers for vehicle electrification, the speed at which automotive propulsion is changing and electrification impacts on both vehicle architecture and the UK's infrastructure. Simon went on to identify specific opportunities for UK metalwork manufacturers emanating from the changes in vehicle propulsion.

The meeting also heard from Pete Allen of Total UK – a CBM associate member – who introduced the newly launched TOTAL FOLIA. This is a new range of biosourced water-based fluid free of mineral oils and emulsifiers, which delivers health, safety and environment benefits as well as, Pete explained, substantial productivity gains, longer tool life and lower operating costs.

Geraldine Bolton provided an update on CBM events and developments; particularly how CBM has strengthened its relationship with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, which has participated in the series of new and well-attended CBM Open Days. The meeting also heard about the very successful seminar on hydrogen embrittlement held earlier in the year, and some positive developments on the fastener training project.

Phil Matten outlined plans for a comprehensive CBM survey of fastener manufacturing in the UK, to compensate for the limitations of official data. This increased insight will enhance CBM's lobbying capabilities on behalf of the sector and also, hopefully, contribute to persuading educational institutions of the importance of establishing a training resource for cold-heading and thread rolling to address a major skills gap, acknowledged by all who attended the meeting.

The next CBM Fastener Sector Meeting is now expected to be in September to avoid the holiday period and ensure another good attendance. Further information soon.

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