## **Alternative Fuels for Vans and Trucks**

Waterfront – An Inconvenient Truck 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Greg Archer Director, Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership



### *Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership*

Accelerating a sustainable shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses





#### Scope

- CO2 regulation of vans and trucks
- Alternative fuel options
- Practical options for today
- □ Why act now?





# *Lorries and Vans represents 35% of UK transport sector emissions*

UK transport sector carbon emissions by mode 2005 by source (excluding international aviation and shipping





## EU regulation of all transport emissions is inevitable – supported by tax differentials for low carbon vehicles

#### Cars

□ 1997 Car Voluntary Agreement

2008 Car regulation

#### **Fuels**

- 2003 Biofuels Directive
- 2008 Renewable Energy Directive
- 2008 Fuel Quality Directive

#### Vans

 2004 Measurement of carbon dioxide emissions and fuel consumption of N1 vehicle
2009 Van CO2 regulation proposals

Trucks
2011? Truck CO2 emission regulations
2018? Transport within EU emissions Trading
Scheme









#### There are issues with all alternative fuels ..... but opportunities exist in specific niche sectors

Criteria	1 <sup>st</sup> G Bio	2 <sup>nd</sup> G Bio	H2-IC	H2-FCV	Bio- CH4	EV
Technology readiness						
Cost competitiveness						
Vehicle availability						
Infrastructure deployment						
Driver acceptability						
Sustainability						



The relative scores do not represent LowCVP policy

### Principal alternative fuel options for trucks and vans



#### *Current UK infrastructure for alternative fuels is minimal –limiting use to return to base operations for most fuels*

**UK Refueling Stations** 



□ E85 ■ B30 ■ CNG ■ LNG ■ H2



### Electric vans & trucks

Low carbon – even charged from grid

- Low running and maintenance costs
  - 4p/mile (diesel 12p/mile)
- Limited, but growing model choice
  - Modec, Smith, Mega + others

Range

- c100miles
- High purchase cost
  - X2.5 diesel equivalent
  - Options to lease battery
- Simple infrastructure
  - 8 hours recharging
- Quiet, zero emission in use, high profile
- Low charges





## **Biomethane**

- Carbon-neutral
- Low running costs
- Limited but growing range of NG vans
  - Caddy (VW), Sprinter (Merc), Daily (Iveco)
- RH drive trucks now becoming available
  - Econic (Merc),
- Dual-fuel options
  - Hardstaff, Cleanair Power
- Limited infrastructure
  - Dual fuel options or depot refuelling
- High purchase cost
  - +c£20k truck





### **Biodiesel**

Lower carbon

Limited but growing range of warranted vehicles

- Trucks Renault, DAF + others
- Vans Vauxhall, PSA + others
- Fuel quality is essential
  - EN41214

Limited infrastructure (bunkered fuel desirable) simple refuelling
Minimal purchase increment
Potential issues in unsuitable vehicles

Buy sustainable fuel – good GHG-savings, sourced responsibly





#### In conclusion ....

- Vans and trucks emit over a quarter of UK transport CO2 emissions
- Proposals for regulation of van CO2 expected this year trucks will follow
- For commercial vehicles the best current options are: B30 biodiesel, biomethane or electric vehicles
- □ Fit the vehicle to the application
- Don't be discouraged by past-experience new vehicles and fuels are fit-for-use
- Consider other ways to reduce CO2 emissions
  - Stop-start
  - Low rolling resistance tyres
  - Driver training
  - Route planning
  - Speed management



In Mahatma Gandhi's words:

## "Be the change you want to see in the world"



## Any Questions?

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