

#### REA Biogas meeting,

30<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Eversheds, Birmingham







GROWING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ECONOMY

#### **Agenda**

- Introductions and welcome
- Apologies, and actions from the last meeting
- Key messages from the Policy Board
- Regulatory update:
  - Update from the environmental regulator on latest regulatory issues and developments - Viv Dennis, EA
  - Case study: bunding your farm AD site to avoid pollution incidents - Ed Bastow, Material Change
  - Does your management system meet the EA requirements?
    Avril Banks, Ab-En Ltd
  - Other relevant EU and UK updates
- Business rates and their impact on AD Mark Deans, Bilfinger GVA
- RHI & FIT update
- Key messages which the sector group members wish to convey to the Policy Board
- AOB

## **Key messages from the REA Policy Board (1)**

- The Policy Board is developing a broad vision for the renewables sector.
- Whilst much of the focus of the REA is on government policy, we need to promote other issues, e.g. energy security, job creation (economic growth).
- We plan to continue to develop positive links and collaboration with other trade associations, both within the renewable sector and outside the renewable sector.
- Land use and sustainability issues will become increasingly important.

# **Key messages from the REA Policy Board (2)**

- A new sector group "UK Energy Storage" will look at all potential storage technologies for renewable energy, not just electricity.
- A new sector group "UK Solar" has been established with Tess Sundelin of Green Hedge Renewables as chair.
- We want to investigate how the national gas grid can be used for renewables other than biomethane, e.g. the production of methane from renewable electricity.
- We maintain a neutral stance with regard to nuclear power.
- We want to encourage common ground between sector groups.



### Thank you





