

New GSHPA Chairman

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Press release

The Ground Source Heat Pump Association (GSHPA) has great pleasure in announcing the appointment of our new Chairman, John Findlay who took over from Simon Lomax at GSHPA's *Ground Source Energy Expo 2016* held in September.

John is a Chartered Engineer with a background of 34 years working in geosciences and specifically boreholes for oil, gas, water – and for the last 16 years, ground source heating. John has been a member of GSHPA for eight years and a member for Council for four years.

John says, *'During my time as Chairman, I would like to see the Association deliver enhanced support for members and the entire GSHP sector through provision of standards, policy development and training suitable for the sustained and rapid growth we all know is needed to achieve UK and global targets under the Paris Agreement.'*

In addition to the appointment of John, we are equally pleased to announce the appointment of Bean Beanland as Vice-Chair of GSHPA and Andrea Ellison as Treasurer.

Bean has an Honours Degree in Physics from Imperial College and is an Associate on the Royal College of Science. He holds a fundamental belief that well designed ground source heat pumps are scientifically key to successful decarbonisation of heat, given that the climatic conditions in the UK are so favourable to GSHP technology.

Andrea Ellison is co-founder and Finance Director of Dragon Drilling (Water & Energy) Ltd and Dragon Drilling (Landfill) Ltd as well as Plant Hire Company Envirohire Ltd and an Environmental Consultancy. She became involved with the GSHPA in 2014 and has been actively involved in the promotion of the Association and of GSHP technology as a whole, in her role of Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Committee.

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Ground source heating and cooling is efficient, competitive and safe, boasting genuine onsite renewable energy with huge carbon savings. With no on site emissions, no ignition and no need for lorry loads of fuel blocking up our urban environments, ground source heating and cooling is the only low maintenance, carbon efficient technology which can be deployed anywhere at any time of day or night throughout the year.

The principal aims of the Ground Source Heat Pump Association are to encourage the growth and development of the ground source heat pump industry in the United Kingdom by:

- promoting the efficient and sustainable use of ground source heat pumps
- raising awareness of the benefits of ground source heat pumps
- developing ground source installation Standards
- encouraging high standards of training for the industry
- providing a forum for information interchange
- liaising with related organisations to benefit the ground source industry
- Lobbying for Ground Source Energy industry in matters of local, national and international interest to members

The Association provides information on GSHPs via its website (www.gshp.org.uk) and makes presentations to promote the ground source industry to key audiences. It co-ordinates closely with government and other trade associations and training organisations to work for high quality installations and the success of the ground source industry.