



Media Release

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Leading innovators in low carbon transport recognised at gala dinner

- **LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards winners celebrated at leading networking event alongside Energy 2017 at the NEC**
- **TfL, BYD and Go-Ahead London win ‘Grand Prix’ for ground-breaking project to run electric buses in London**
- **London EV Company wins manufacturer award for first UK-produced electric taxis**

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) announced the 2017 Low Carbon Champions last night at the ‘green transport’ networking event of the year, held in association with Energy 2017 at the NEC, Birmingham.

Over 240 guests attended the celebration dinner to celebrate the achievements and innovation of organisations and individuals who are leading the UK towards low emission road transport. The event was hosted by TV personality, science communicator and Formula E presenter, Nicki Shields.

Transport for London, BYD (bus manufacturer) and Go-Ahead London (operator) have jointly won the ‘Grand Prix’ - or winner-of-winners - award for their effective partnership in delivering the vehicles, operational capacity and infrastructure to begin running London’s first two all-electric bus routes (507 and 521). Waterloo bus garage has been remodelled to accommodate over 50 electric buses and new charging infrastructure in a space-constrained environment. Working with infrastructure supplier, SSE, the partnership has overcome technical challenges to transform the garage into a large-scale, fully-electric operation.

The London EV Company (which changed its name from the London Taxi Company earlier this year) scooped the Low Carbon Car/Van Manufacturer of the Year prize. The judges said that LEVC has shown leadership and innovation in bringing to market the UK’s – and the world’s – first purpose-built electric taxi. In just three years the company has designed and built the vehicle, using a local supply chain and adopting a range of novel design and assembly processes.

David Martell, Founder and Chief Executive of Chargemaster - one of the leading companies in the booming EV charging sector - is the LowCVP’s 2017 winner of the award for Outstanding Individual in Promoting Low Carbon Transport.

Roads Minister Jesse Norman MP said: “The UK boasts a dynamic, innovative automotive sector and British companies are leading the way in developing low emission technologies for road transport.

“Congratulations to the winners of the Low Carbon Champions Awards. These important achievements highlight the progress being made as we strive to meet our ambition for every new car and van to be zero emission by 2040.”

The LowCVP Managing Director **Andy Eastlake** said about the Awards: "All the entries that were short-listed for this year's Awards deserve praise for their contribution to cutting road transport carbon emissions and helping to reduce air pollution.

"Against the backdrop of a year of political and environmental turmoil it's perhaps appropriate that our overall winning entry required a strong collaborative approach to radically reduce the impact of a whole bus fleet."

The Champions Awards judging panel was comprised of 25 senior executives from across a range of UK organisations with a stake in the low carbon road transport agenda.

Commenting on the Grand Prix award, the judges said: "To accommodate over 50 electric buses and charging infrastructure in a space-constrained environment, the group worked tirelessly to remodel the Waterloo bus garage. The manufacturer, BYD, and the operator, Go-Ahead London, worked with Transport for London and in close cooperation with infrastructure supplier SSE, to bring this challenging project to fruition."

On the Outstanding Individual Award, the judges agreed that: "David Martell has shown great commitment to the electric vehicle industry over the past decade. While rapidly expanding his company to be a leading player in the booming EV charging sector, he has developed partnerships with authorities, government and vehicle manufacturers, helping to expand the electric vehicle market in the UK."

Alex Burns, President, Millbrook (Grand Prix sponsor of the Awards) said: "Millbrook has been supporting the Low Carbon Champions Awards for a number of years. We are proud to be associated with celebrating investment and innovation in this field, and we are committed to supporting the industry to continue cutting road transport carbon emissions."

Darran Messem, Chairman of the LowCVP and an Awards Judge said: "The LowCVP's annual Low Carbon Champions Awards are a celebration of the commitment to innovation and delivery in the important task of reducing transport greenhouse gas emissions in the UK.

"This year's winners of the LowCVP awards have delivered a phenomenally impressive list of achievements ranging from developing a new low carbon fuel to implementing a fully electric bus fleet, and they demonstrate not only the vibrancy of the UK's low carbon transport sector but also its huge economic potential."

Nathan Garnett, Event Director of Energy 2017, said: "We are delighted that the Low Carbon Champions are being announced alongside Energy 2017 and UK Construction Week. For us, joining infrastructure, pioneers of a low carbon future and the built environment together is a 'no brainer'."

PICTURES FROM THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS ARE [AVAILABLE HERE:](https://bircanproductions.pixieset.com/lowcvpchampionsawards2017/)

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FULL LIST OF AWARDS

'Grand Prix Award': Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (Winner of winners)

Winner: **Transport for London & Go-Ahead London with BYD UK**

Outstanding Individual in Promoting Low Carbon Transport

Winner: **David Martell**, Founder and Chief Executive, Chargemaster

Low Carbon Car /Van Manufacturer of the Year

Winner: **London EV Company (LEVC)**

Highly Commended: Groupe Renault UK
Shortlisted: Toyota (GB) PLC

Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year

Winner: **BYD UK**
Highly Commended: Volvo Group UK
Shortlisted: IVECO Ltd

Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year

Winner: **Transport for London & Go-Ahead London**
Highly Commended: London Borough of Hackney; Martin Brower Ltd

Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year

Winner: **CNG Fuels Ltd**
Highly Commended: ITM Power
Short-listed: Chargemaster Plc; Roadgas Ltd

2017 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME

Joint Winners: **Tevva Motors & Aquafuel Research Ltd**
Short-listed: Controlled Power Technologies Ltd; Dearman; Vantage Power Ltd

Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year

Winner: **Cross River Partnership**
Short-listed: Go Ahead London; Transport for London

2017 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report

Winner: **Element Energy & Transport for West Midlands**
Highly Commended: Energy Saving Trust and Uber
Shortlisted: GreenFleet Magazine; Advanced Propulsion Centre, Ricardo, E4tech

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LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards

Category Winners

'Grand Prix' Award: Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport (Sponsor: Millbrook)
Transport for London & Go-Ahead London with BYD UK (Joint Winners)

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Outstanding Individual in Promoting Lower Carbon Transport (Sponsor: DriveElectric)

David Martell (Winner)

The judges said: "David Martell has shown great commitment to the electric vehicle industry over the past decade. While rapidly expanding his company to be a leading player in the booming EV charging sector, he has

developed partnerships with authorities, government and vehicle manufacturers, helping to expand the electric vehicle market in the UK.”

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Low Carbon Car / Van Manufacturer of the Year (Sponsor: Michelin)

Winner: London EV Company Ltd (formerly the London Taxi Company)

The judges said: “LEVC submitted an excellent entry and has shown leadership and innovation in bringing to market the UK’s – and the world’s – first purpose-built electric taxi. In just three years the company has designed and built the vehicle, using a local supply chain, and adopting a range of novel design and assembly processes. This iconic electric taxi will have a key role to play in helping to reduce air pollution and CO2 emission in other cities as well as London.”

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Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year (Sponsor: Freight in the City)

Winner: BYD UK

About the BYD entry, the judges said: “BYD’s entry for the introduction of battery electric bus fleets in different cities around the UK represents a step-change in low carbon vehicle uptake in the heavy-duty category. Providing vehicles and charging solutions for the conversion of a whole bus depot from diesel to electric power deserves particular praise and illustrates how their products have developed beyond trials to full scale market deployment.”

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Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year (Sponsor: BAE Systems)

Winner: Transport for London & Go-Ahead London

The judges said: “We were very impressed by Go-Ahead London’s ground-breaking project to fully electrify an entire bus depot and operate two high profile routes out of Waterloo Bus Station. They’re also impressed by TfL’s ongoing commitment and ambition to deliver a low carbon, zero emissions bus system. In ways so far only seen in China, Go-Ahead and TfL have shown that electric buses and charging infrastructure are now heading firmly from a niche and into the mainstream.”

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Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year (Sponsor: Shell)

Winner: CNG Fuels Ltd

The judges were impressed by: “CNG Fuels’ comprehensive approach to reducing carbon emissions for the gas-powered heavy vehicle market. CNG Fuels uses a two-track approach of utilising the high-pressure gas grid to reduce supply losses, while also decarbonising the physical product by tracking biogas supply through the grid using a certification process. The company’s activities will significantly help in decarbonising goods vehicles.”

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2017 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME (Sponsor: Advanced Propulsion Centre)

Joint winners: Tevva Motors & Aquafuel Research Ltd

The judges commented: “We decided to make Aquafuel Research and Tevva Motors joint winners for their complementary product development of a very low carbon fuel and a commercial vehicle which can use it. Tevva Motors has developed its EV range-extended vehicle to make the most of Aquafuel Research’s glycerine fuel. Tevva’s EV range-extender offers a zero emission, range-sustaining capability for e-trucks which has the potential to be applied to a vehicle of any weight.”

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Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year (Sponsor: Bosch)

Winner: Cross River Partnership

The judges said: "We were most impressed with the work that the Cross River Partnership has done under the European FREVUE project to trial electric freight vehicles with small businesses. Evidence gathered by the initiative demonstrated a multitude of positive impacts from the deployment of electric vehicles including a reduction in air pollution and noise as well as cost savings."

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Low Carbon Publication or Report of the Year (Sponsor: IMechE)

Winner: Element Energy and Transport for the West Midlands

This award was for the report: '*West Midlands Low Emission Bus Delivery Plan*'

The judges said: "This report was very well presented and a good example of effective collaboration between a leading transport authority, expert consultants and other key stakeholders. Clear evidence was provided that the project has made an impact and that it has inspired other city authorities to replicate similar measures elsewhere."

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PICTURES AND LOGOS FROM THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS ARE [AVAILABLE HERE](#).

Background information

The Low Carbon Champions Awards were established in 2010. The Awards – now in their seventh edition - are an initiative of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP); a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Around 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds including government, automotive and fuel supply chains, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and wider society. www.lowcvp.org.uk

For more details on the Awards categories see: www.lowcvp.org.uk/lowcarbonchampions

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