Meeting with Asset Managers from Cambridge institute of Sustainability – 10 April, 2018

Topics raised- investment process and fiduciary duty;
Taxonomy – how to set up climate mitigation/classification system;
Benchmarks – 2 degree scenario.

Industry perspective:

- Taxonomy- definitions are established first – feeds into metrix; one common set up of definitions; disclosures would be standardized. Work on corporate disclosure comes after.
- Obligations to asset owners to report– require fund managers of the companies to disclose information equal to normal financial information;
- An obligation for asset managers to disclose the information – for pension funds – comparison – more easy include other considerations;
- Quality of engagement between these who own assessment; engagement process of fund manager with the investee companies;
- Investor duties - how they integrate results of dialogue in investment process.
- HSBC – transparent to customer – looking for different styles of sustainability;
- Benchmarks will allow for different scenarios.