Group 2: Four areas: Policy, Technology, Fuel, Public awareness/advocacy

POLICY

-focus on synthesizing lessons of our workshop to feed into the Fuel Policy Committee

-need to address subsidies – difficult but must be tackled – still need more studies, need to be part of the “drumbeat” – reiterate the regressive nature of the subsidies

-take advantage of new government (especially if there is a clean majority) to push things

-consider HOV lanes, bus lanes/BRT, and enforcement of the lane exclusivity

TECHNOLOGY

-pilot to allow central government to give state governments (perhaps Hill states, perhaps Gujurat) authority to set and enforce higher standards than centrally mandated levels (similar to pilots with kerosene). Hill states provide a link to Himalayas and climate along with health

-encourage central government select the appropriate state for the pilot

-encourage/incentivize/mandate use of filter based exhaust standards, using local manufacturers of filters (employment benefits, reliable warranties, solid standards) – success measured by pre and post emissions of vehicles that you retrofit

FUEL

-feed into committee

-introduce aggressive national norms for whole country, not city wise or gradual approach

-norms on sulfur most important, ULSD

PUBLIC AWARENESS/ADVOCACY

-two-pronged policy: first, aim at policymakers

-but also need to create awareness to get civil society constructively engaged

- work to create something concrete and actionable. Forming/continuing work of this group could help develop a post-election agenda, along with supporting studies