



Newsletter

Spring 2024 Edition

News from LCAG

LCAG CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE

This year's Annual Conference will focus on 'Planning for a Resilient Future'. Join us from 12.30pm–7pm on 22 October 2024 at the Merchant Taylor's Hall (EC2R 8JB) to hear from invited speakers and to take part in post-event networking. Add the date to your diary!

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - LCAG SUPPORT

If you are struggling to establish a climate action plan, or if you would benefit from peer benchmarking then the LCAG could help. In February, Chair Alison Gowman & benchmarking lead Rob Casey, visited the Merchant Taylors Hall to review their progress to date. To find out more & how the LCAG could support you visit: <https://tinyurl.com/mryx7vdh>

LCAG PRAISED AT LORD MAYOR'S DINNER

During their speech at the Lord Mayor's Dinner for the Masters, Upper Wardens & Upper Bailiff, the Master Mercer spoke of LCAG's work in assisting the Livery movement to manage their impact on climate change and the environment. For the full speech see: <https://tinyurl.com/y4298ecs>

In this newsletter:

FUTURE EVENTS: LCAG Seminars; Cross-Livery Events & more

NEWS: Read the latest from the LCAG & the City of London

MEMBERSHIP: Find out the latest LCAG Membership news

Convenor's Column

*Alderman Alison
Gowman*

Last issue I mentioned shouting about the work of the City Corporation & Liveries on climate action & here I am with a megaphone doing just that!

One of the tools we have as Liveries is to be advocates – whether for our crafts, trades & professions or as a member of LCAG about the need to combat climate change & to adapt our operations & actions.

Many Liveries are finding a way to do this - the Water Conservators continue to scrutinise the water industry in their debates; & the Insurers are working with four other Liveries to tackle the question of risks around achieving a sustainable transition.

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Future Events

DELIVERING NET ZERO & BEYOND FOR BUILDINGS, ESTATES & ARCHETYPES

Prof. Sean Smith & Dr Julio Bros-Williamson
8 May 2024 5pm – 6pm (online)

Join us at this LCAG seminar to hear from Prof Sean Smith, Chair of Future Construction & Dr Julio Bros-Williamson, Chancellor's Fellow for Net Zero Buildings at the University of Edinburgh as they discuss the challenges involved in the built environment achieving & surpassing net zero.

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/4y39haxj>

THE NET ZERO DELIVERY SUMMIT: FINANCE ENABLING INNOVATION

4 June 2024 9am – 6pm (online)

The NZDS is a milestone in the sustainable finance calendar. At the midpoint between COPs, this summit puts the need for innovative approaches & products at the heart of the agenda for financial & professional services as they work to meet global net zero goals.

Register here: <https://www.theglobalcity.uk/nzds24>

MODERN FARMING, FOOD & HEALTH

Poul Hovesen, Sarah Calcutt & Jane Anderson
10 June 2024 5pm – 6pm (online)

Alongside efforts to reduce carbon emissions & the impact we humans have on our planet has come increased anxiety about food: how it is grown & distributed, & its impact on health. In this LCAG seminar we look at new farming methods & best practices in the food industry, alongside our evolving understanding of food & the human microbiome.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7kubj4>

ALL SPOC MEETINGS

15 May 2024 5pm – 6pm (online) Register [here](#)
20 June 2024 5pm – 6pm (online) Register [here](#)

Convenor's Column cont...

We want to use LCAG to amplify what the Livery & City are doing so do send us your stories & photos.

Indeed, our profile is such that we are in contact with a wide range of organisations wanting to hear about our work & the synergies of working together.

Recent links include [The Anti Greenwash Charter](#) founded by a member of the Coachmakers; & Imperial University who founded [Undaunted](#) an innovation ecosystem working on sustainable solutions.

[London Climate Action Week](#) is coming up in June. There is lots going on where we want to play our part – what will you do?

There is no better soap box to shout from than Mansion House & I hosted the 2nd of 3 Coffee Colloquies on SDG 13 (Climate Change) in conjunction with the Royal Society. It was engaging & insightful. Looking forward to the next session on May 29th. Please get in touch to attend.

To find out more or get involved email info@liverycag.org.uk

Alderman Alison Gowman

News

Catch-up on the latest LCAG & City of London news here...



How Can You Value Green Spaces?

If you are 1 of the 47 million annual visitors to the City of London Corporation's parks, forests, heaths, gardens and historic open spaces then you may already be aware of the recreational, health & wellbeing benefits they provide.

A City of London report calculating the financial value of the social & environmental benefits delivered by these 11,000 acres of open space has now been published.

Read more [here](#).



The Pervasiveness of Human Rights In ESG

With the climate crisis and a human rights crisis inextricably linked it is now more important than ever for organisations to ensure the robustness of their due diligence procedures throughout their supply and value chains.

In this article, Tim Bovy, CEO & Cofounder of Six Sentinels, lays out how Livery Companies are well placed to promote the vital role that human rights plays in managing climate change.

Read more [here](#).

Climate action update - March 2024



CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY

Climate Action Update

The City of London Corporation's Climate Action Strategy aims to achieve net zero in its operations by 2027 & across the Square Mile & the City Corporation's full value chain by 2040.

The latest progress report from the Climate Action Team was issued in April 2024.

Read more [here](#).



Go With the Flow...

The 'Wisdom of Water' programme, run by the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators is an ongoing series of events providing space for debate on topics relating to the management of environmental water quality. Drawing on the knowledge & experience of members, past debates, webinars, & think pieces are available at [Water Conservators](#).

Read more [here](#).

Membership & Engagement Update

Did you know that the LCAG YouTube channel hosts LCAG & Livery webinars on a series of climate & environmental topics? Our playlists feature content according to theme or company making it easy to stay up to date. So, if you have missed an event & want to catch up or are interesting in hearing all about a specific topic, subscribe now: [youtube.com/@liveryclimateactiongroup9998](https://www.youtube.com/@liveryclimateactiongroup9998)

In our Winter Newsletter we celebrated the milestone of reaching our 100th member. A great achievement for the livery movement, but the real success indicator for LCAG isn't the number of joiners, but the actions they take. Our attention is now focused on helping our members to write their Climate-Action Plans & Strategies, & to share them with others. You can find the first of these here: <https://liverycag.org.uk/climate-action-plans/>

We are delighted to have received ten exemplars already from our front-runners, and we are running regular online events to help SPOCS who are on that journey with their Companies. It's no accident that the hour-glass icons on the page are showing half-empty. This is now our primary KPI.

Gordon Masterton, Recruitment and Engagement

Help Needed

The City Corporation's Planning for Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is open for consultation until 17 May. The document contains key elements of advice for developers on retrofit & re-use, whole life carbon emissions & circular economy principles. Link here for your comments:

[Have Your Say Today - City Of London Sustainability SPD – Commonplace](#)

News from you...

Do you have a sustainability event that you would like to promote or some information that could benefit other Livery organisations? We are always on the lookout for related content for the LCAG website and future newsletters - please email us at info@liverycag.org.uk. If you need some inspiration on how to write up your story, see our blog-writing guidelines [here](#). The deadline for inclusion in the Summer Newsletter is 26 June 2024.

Helen Dobson, Editor



The Livery Climate Action Group was formed in 2021 to assist City of London Livery Companies & Guilds to manage their impact on Climate Change & the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions & making responsible use of resources. Contact info@liverycag.org.uk for details on how to join.