

Newsletter

Winter 2024 Edition

News from LCAG

LCAG REACHES 100 MEMBERS!

The Livery Climate Action Group was launched online on 18 October 2021 with 13 Founder Members. In just 27 months the network has grown to 100 members! Read on to celebrate this great milestone & find out about the wide range of activity that our members are contributing to in 2024.

LCAG CONFERENCE 2024

We are excited to announce that the LCAG will be holding its third annual conference on the theme of '**Environmental Resilience**'. As well as panel discussions and post-event networking, it is hoped that representation of a younger audience will be part of the proceedings.

The half-day conference will take place at the Merchant Taylor's Hall (EC2R 8JB) in early July 2024. More information, including speakers and date to follow shortly. Watch this space!

LCAG SEMINAR – 8TH MAY 2024

Join speakers Prof Sean Smith, Chair of Future Construction & Dr Julio Bros-Williamson, Chancellor's Fellow for Net Zero Buildings at the University of Edinburgh for this online seminar on **Delivering Net Zero & Beyond for Buildings, Estates & Archetypes**. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/4y39haxj>

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Convenor's Column

*Alderman Alison
Gowman*

I have lots of jobs wearing gowns but being made an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law by the University of Durham has provided the funniest gown & hat so far!

The New Year brings the promise of hope & the resolution to do more. It is therefore a great delight to announce that we now have 100 members of the LCAG. Congratulations to the new members but also thanks to all 100 members who have committed to work towards net zero & address the adverse impact of climate change. If anyone not yet a member needs persuading, then the might of those 100 members shows the importance of the need for action & the power that collaboration & connectivity can bring.

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Future Events

CROSS-LIVERY EVENT ON NET-ZERO

WCIT & Worshipful Company of Constructors
5 February 2024 5.30–7.30pm (in-person, EC1A 7JN)

We need to decarbonise technologies & supply chains to deliver social value & move towards our net-zero commitment. This cross-livery event will bring Constructors & Information Technologists together to debate multi-sector collaboration & targeted solutions. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/5xhhzwif>

CLOSER & CLOSER TO 2017

Chris Rapley & Jonathon Porritt
7 February 2024 6pm – 9pm (in-person, EC2Y 9AW)

It's 10 years since climate scientist **Chris Rapley** first performed his play *2071: The World We'll Leave Our Grandchildren*. During this event Chris will read excerpts from 2071 and reflect on its implications for our planet today & renowned environmentalist **Jonathon Porritt** will discuss options for making a difference. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/5amux36n>

MOORLAND RESTORATION & NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Tom Spencer
15 February 2024 6pm – 7.15pm (online)

Research scientist Tom Spencer discusses the research findings from an ongoing experiment to restore Peak District peatland and the implications for peatland restoration at a landscape scale. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/54ty8znm>

POLLINATING LONDON TOGETHER

Alistair Griffiths
22 February 2024 6pm – 8pm (in-person, EC2V 8HE)

Join Professor Alistair Griffiths as he references the importance of pollinators & their relationship to greenspaces & wellbeing. Alistair is the RHS Director of Science, a Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture & a board member on PlantNetwork. The lecture will be followed by drinks and canapes. Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/5n7n5zzb>

MARCH ALL SPOC MEETING

Wednesday 20 March 2024 5 – 6pm (online)
Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/bdf7fcpy>

Convenor's Column cont...

Some personal news since the last newsletter - I am now the City of London Corporation's Policy Lead on Sustainability & Climate Action. The City's Climate Action Strategy had been the impetus in creating LCAG so I will be keen to ensure the Corporation is keeping to its pledge to be net zero for its own emissions by 2027 & also working towards full net zero by 2040.

You may see more on the data that the Corporation issues about its progress & also hear more about the plans around nature & resilience that are a major part of the work across the Square Mile & the City's open spaces. I will be shouting about progress.

I am still recruiting for anyone interested in scrutinising planning applications within the City planning department - quite technical but important to ensure advantage is made of the excellent planning advice towards climate friendly buildings & the environment.

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

Alderman Alison Gowman

News

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



What did we learn from COP28?

COP28 was the biggest such meeting yet & the differing attendees saw a shift in the voices being heard. Key takeaways included:

- First mention of fossil fuels in the final text
- The loss & damage fund seems closer to funding & operation
- UNEP Finance Initiative & ILO unveiled a roadmap for a 'just transition'

Read more [here](#).



Leading the Conversation

Banking Chief Dame Susan Rice & Law Consultant Alderman Alison Gowman discuss the importance of inclusivity & how collaboration & creative solutions hold the key to climate finance in this article published in the journal of the Chartered Institute of Securities & Investment.

This article covers the “*sustainability agenda & environmental issues, how we should be adapting & how it’s impacting society & the business world*”.

Read more [here](#).



Bin It Don't Block It

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators is keen to encourage Livery halls, businesses, & individuals both inside the City, & throughout the UK, to support the “[Bin It, Don't Block It](#)” campaign. This article provides suggestions on what Livery companies & their members can do to help.

Read more [here](#).



Recycling Candle Wax

While certain types of wax take only a few months to biodegrade, others, notably petroleum-based products, can take decades. At the same time, the production of new candle wax requires significant amounts of energy & resources.

So, what if there was a way of reusing wax, instead?

Read more [here](#).

Membership News

Since our Autumn Newsletter we have six new members, taking us to 100. A warm LCAG welcome to:



**The
Worshipful
Company of
Bowyers**



**The Drapers'
Company**



**The
Worshipful
Company of
Hackney
Carriage
Drivers**



**The Brewers
Company**



**The
Worshipful
Company of
Farmers**



**The
Worshipful
Company of
Arbitrators**

The enthusiasm of the Livery movement in choosing to be active participants in LCAG has been heartwarming. It sends a strong signal that the Livery cares deeply about doing whatever it can to mitigate climate change, to build resilience and to contribute proactively to the Sustainable Development Goals, which have featured in our guidance since the outset. If every company now follows through with meaningful actions in these areas, collectively we have the potential to make a significant positive impact on the City of London's Climate Action Strategy.

Gordon Masterton, Recruitment and Engagement

News from you...

With 100 member organisations now signed up there is a wealth of knowledge, experience and best practice within the LCAG. Peer sharing is at the foundation of the movement so if you have something you're able to share via the LCAG website and future newsletters then 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 next Newsletter is 10 April 2024.

Helen Dobson, Editor



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