

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM LCAG

SPOC FORUM

(FOR SPOCs / NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ONLY)

Monday 19 May 2025 at 17:00pm - 18:00pm (online)

Join us for a discussion on carbon calculation and mitigation with representatives from companies with nuances on approaches taken.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ah7yemye>

AGM: INNOVATION FOR RESILIENCE

(FOR SPOCs / NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ONLY)

Tuesday 24 June 2025 at 15:30pm - 19:00pm (in person)

Event for SPOCs & LCAG Exec members only hosted by the Urban Farmer Project. AGM followed by stories of Livery climate innovations & discussions on Livery food issues

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2svcpc3z>

LCAG CONFERENCE 2026

26 January 2026 (in person)

Save the date for the 2026 LCAG conference. More details to follow.

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CONVENOR'S COLUMN

Alderman Alison Gowman

Following November's LCAG strategy day:

- We have agreed a constitution for LCAG to be formalised as an association. We will hold our first AGM for all Single Points of Contact on 24 June. This event will also address some interesting case studies of Livery Companies & provide a forum to discuss food & dining. Sign up opposite.

- We have been nudging Livery Companies to publish a climate action plan or policy & we now have 27 on our website – double what we announced in our Winter newsletter. Do keep working on this vital part of our impact as LCAG members towards our Net Zero goals. Or, if you were an early adopter, is it time to review & audit what you have done to date?

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FUTURE EVENTS

DOES NET ZERO MEAN THE END OF LIVESTOCK AGRICULTURE?

Professor Myles Allen

Tuesday 29 April 2025 18.00–19.30pm
(EC1N 2HH / in person)

With the global food system contributing up to an extra degree of warming by 2100, they cannot be ignored. Sensible policies are hindered by carbon footprinting conventions that distort the impact of methane in both directions.

This Gresham College lecture explains how understanding methane's true impact shows that a sustainable livestock industry could be compatible with a stable climate, although it would still need radical change.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/44tpbj3m>

NET ZERO DELIVERY SUMMIT 2025

Hosted by The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alastair King, and Policy Chairman Chris Hayward
23 June 2025 9.00am – 13.00pm (online)

The City of London Corporation will be hosting the fourth annual Net Zero Delivery Summit during London Climate Action Week. The Summit will reaffirm the UK's steadfast commitment to leading in green finance via discussions around:

- Scaling the transition finance market
- Powering the net zero transition by boosting finance
- Mobilising private finance for nature & adaptation
- Boosting support for countries most vulnerable to climate change

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3nrckh>

SPOC FORUM CATCH UP:

Did you miss the last SPOC event about Biodiversity in the City? Watch the video of Ben Bishop's talk [here](#).



CONVENOR'S COLUMN CONT...

- We are planning to publish an annual review of what the Liveries are doing & now is the time to begin to think what your specific contribution will be. We want to use this opportunity to highlight the innovative way that Liveries are tackling issues regarding their own direct emissions or, in working with affiliates & schools, their profession or industry. You will be contacted further about this.

Our website blogs are testament to what Liveries are doing – keep it up & tell us more.

Thanks to all who pledged to participate in the biggest ever Earth Hour on 22 March. We had 17 Hall owning companies participate along-side the City Corporation & other City businesses. See image below of Fishmongers Hall unlit .



NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE



PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY SPD

The CoL Corporation has adopted the Planning for Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This provides guidance on how developers should approach the City Corporation's sustainability policies in their planning applications, including the design & construction of buildings, ensuring the City's buildings are at the forefront of responding to climate change.

Read more [here](#).



DIGITAL OR PRINT - WHICH IS BEST FOR THE PLANET?

Inspired by a Worshipful Company of Marketors' article on the pros & cons of print versus digital & their associated carbon footprints. This blog discusses print's mitigations via FSC certified paper & bio-inks & digital's need for data centres which consume energy, with every file opened & stored adding to that.

Read more [here](#).



CLEANING WITH SUSTAINABILITY

A great Livery initiative, No Going Back Foundation, has just got better. They have set up a new social enterprise called NGB CLEAN that supports prison leavers to find careers in cleaning & facility management. They have used the expertise of the Environmental Cleaners' Livery to mastermind this expanded work.

Read more [here](#).



SUSTAINABLE FOUNDRIES

The foundry industry is energy-intense & energy-challenged. The Founders' Livery work closely with the industry's trade body, the Cast Metals Federation, part of the Transforming Foundation Industries Challenge. The industry is a key part of the circular economy for metals & the Federation's net zero group has published a roadmap to net zero.

Read more [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



Firstly, a very warm welcome to LCAG's 107th member, the
HONOURABLE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS

Progress with members sharing [Climate-Action Plans](#) and ESG Policies continues, with 5 added since February giving 27 in total. Thanks to the Chartered Surveyors, Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers, Chartered Accountants, Plumbers and Actuaries.

With a community of 107 Company representatives (Single Points of Contact), we need to encourage engagement, participation and cooperation. Our first online SPOC Forum, in January, discussed our [Guidance Note for SPOC Roles and Responsibilities](#). And the second, in March, led by Ben Bishop, Environmental Resilience Officer of the City of London Corporation, stimulated an excellent discussion on [Biodiversity in the City](#). The recording can be viewed on the [LCAG YouTube Channel](#).

But engagement works best if members are prepared to talk about their own achievements and challenges. We want future SPOC Forum events to be a blend of member-led and external-led discussion evenings. So please be proactive and volunteer to introduce a topic from your Company's knowledge domain to stimulate a group discussion and we will soon have a solid forward programme.

Gordon Masterton, Membership & Engagement

NEWS FROM YOU...

It has been a busy quarter for the Liveries. LCAG has produced its first constitution and been planning for the future whilst individual Livery companies have been working on producing their Climate Action Plans and policies. As we move forward on some of the biggest issues of our times, there is much knowledge and information that we can be sharing in support of others wishing to make changes.

If you have a sustainability event that you would like to promote or some information that could benefit other Livery organisations we would like to hear from you. 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

ABOUT LCAG

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.

