

The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers Preparing the way for a Climate-Action Plan

Every day we are reminded of the impact of industrialisation and our wanton use of the world's resources for our modern existence. The impact on the environment, each other and nature has barely been given a thought in our incessant drive for more – more luxury, more food, more growth, more efficiency, more money. We are at a point in time where the science linking global warming to human activity is irrefutable, the impact is plainly evident and people's concerns for the future and anxiety are rightly heightened. Talk is of crises in every news bulletin. This series of blogs are intended to plot the journey of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers in acting and by maximising our sphere of influence, creating positive change.

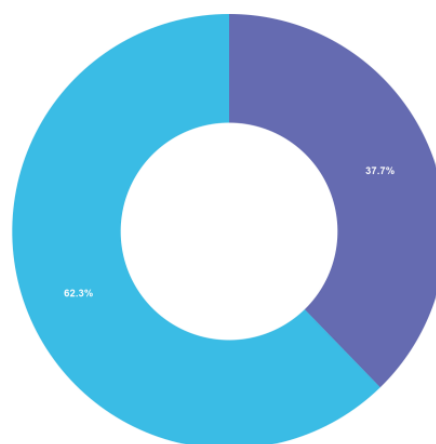
There are estimated to be around 27,000 Liverymen and c20,000 Freemen within the 111 Livery Companies in the City of London so imagine the potential for us to really drive change and address the climate and biodiversity crises whilst helping those in society that cannot even focus on such issues for want of getting by each day.

The City of London Corporation's Climate Action Strategy commits to achieving net zero by 2027 for their operations and by 2040 across the full value chain creating an imperative for involvement and leadership by the Fan Makers and indeed all Livery Companies.

Our Climate and Biodiversity Action Committee is seeking to capture the knowledge and information we possess individually and then drive forward sustainable initiatives, whilst focusing on our influence across our operations, our interactions through our liverymen, networks, associations, charities, and institutions to achieve positive impact on society and the planet.

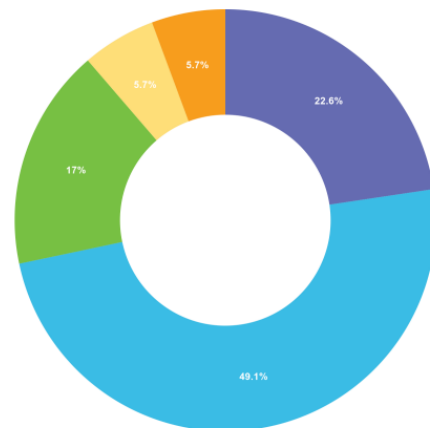
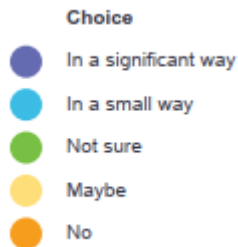
To gauge interest and awareness we undertook a [short e-survey](#) published to all members asking about their awareness of the City of London's plans, experience of energy and carbon saving initiatives, requesting expressions of involvement in working groups, and an insight into their interests and knowledge and finally connections and areas of influence we could harness.

Q4 4. Do you have experience in implementing initiatives relative to energy savings, decarbonisation or nature based projects?*



Significant diversity of experience and ideas were received – from creative designers, policy makers, councillors, special advisors, engineers, surveyors, people involved in nature... around **72% of respondents felt we could make a significant or small difference** to climate change and over 50% when asked the same question about biodiversity loss.

Q2 2. Do you feel that the Fan Makers can make a difference in the area of climate action?*



With enthusiasm for action clearly demonstrated we set up our Climate and Biodiversity Action Committee. Our initial action plan studies the *Sphere of influence* – those with whom we have connections with, our stakeholders, charitable institutions, and affiliate organizations.

<p>NATURE & SOCIETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Pollinating London Together <p>CHARITIES & INSTITUTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cranfield University Bursary CIBSE Bursary. Lansbury Lawrence School. The Fan Museum. Fan Making Craft Project. Various London Charities and The Lord Mayor's Appeal <p>THE LIVERYMEN & NETWORKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Knowledge and experience Ideas Contacts Involvement 	<p>FANS AND THEIR APPLICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comfort Sustainability  <p>THE COMPANY OF FAN MAKERS</p> <p><i>Arts & Trade United - Commitments, disclosures, actions, verification, advocacy</i></p> <p>THE CITY OF LONDON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Strategy Greening the city Wider London Strategy https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/climate-change 	<p>ACTION GROUPS/COMMITTEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livery Climate Action Group Membership Committee Charities Committee Hall Committee General Purpose and Finance Committee Pan Livery Pollinating London Together <p>AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace & Aviation Industries Air Conditioning Industries CIBSE IHEEM City of London Academy Cranfield University London South Bank University Fan Circle International Fan Manufacturers' Association The Air Cadets The Army Cadets The Sea Cadets 217 Squadron (R.E.) (Royal Army) II (AC) Squadron (Royal Air Force) HMS Westminster (Royal Navy) St. Vedast (our Livery Church)
---	--	--

Our next steps include undertaking a *materiality exercise* to look at achieving maximum impact in our sphere of influence, then *setting up working groups* to drive forward change and thought leadership, which will be captured in our *Action Plan*.

Apprenticeships are a big theme for us and so harnessing this enthusiasm and engaging through bursaries, involvement in schools and through young leaders is where we see great positive impact for the future.

Our individual sphere of influence is of course so much wider than this when one considers the collective force of all Livery Companies. We are pleased to be a member of the Livery Climate Action Group formed by Alderman Alison Gowman in 2021 which has just welcomed it's 100th member!

Peter Anderson, Chair of Climate and Biodiversity Action Committee