

Late May 2021 update

Overall aim

The overall aim is to engage with Livery Companies and encourage interest in the topic of Climate Action and then gradually provide guidance and information and a possible written commitment to act in step with the Corporation's Climate Action Strategy. The Livery sensitivity to a Charter and more directive stance is understood and there is no wish to be virtue signalling on this topic which would cause a negative reaction.

Next seminar

A third seminar is planned for June 28th at 6pm on the topic of food waste and supply chains. Many people are confused about this topic and the science and practicality is not always clear. A practical seminar on what Livery Companies should be looking out for is planned with time to question the experts and consult with fellow Livery members. Sign up on Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/livery-climate-action-group-seminar-the-impact-of-food-on-the-climate-tickets-156298333523

Workstreams

Four workstreams are beavering away to provide the practical guidance and information that will help the Livery Companies adopt measures and behaviours. A putative commitment (not Charter) document is nearly ready. Educational ideas are extensive. A new plan to put on a seminar around COP26 in November 2021 is starting to take shape. The workstreams reported to the core group recently as follows:

Workstream 1 – Financial Investments

There is a range of documents being prepared including an Introduction by the Guild of Investment Managers with a good glossary of terms and standards as well as a policy on keeping an investment manager true. In addition, there will be a guide timeline of actions that Livery Companies can refer to.

Workstream 2 - Property

The scope of the group is wide and the deliverables are many and work is starting apace.

Workstream 3 - Education

They are collating research for use by all.

Workstream 4 – A Livery Commitment, COP26 and other general matters

A logo for the Livery Climate Action Group has been prepared pro bono by Past Master Andrew Cross of the Marketors Livery Company and is proudly shown at the top of this update. We hope you like it! More work is planned as we work towards COP26.

Challenges for the Group – can you help?

As with any new group we are full of enthusiasm but are now trying to formalise our plans and ensure we can deliver. We face issues such as funding towards a few expenses (eg website capacity) and some assistance in terms of outputs. If you have any thoughts on these points or generally you have any ideas or queries or offers of help please contact:

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