



Late summer update

Overall aim

The overall aim is to engage with Livery Companies and encourage interest in the topic of Climate Action and to share guidance and information between the Livery Companies and create change.

Continuing work by the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG)

Whilst we have not produced another seminar in the last two months the group has been busy with a variety of actions all working towards a launch of a website and our guidance and practice notes in October 2021. More details to follow but we are very grateful to the nine Livery Companies who have helped crowdfund the work on the website being the Chartered Architects, Chartered Surveyors, Constructors, Engineers, Fuellers, Gardeners, Glovers, Water Conservators and Wax Chandlers – and the others such as the Information Technologists and Marketors who have provided excellent professional help along the way.

What are Livery Companies doing already?

It is clear that many Livery Companies are already addressing issues of climate change in their own right and within their respective trades and professions. Without undertaking a major survey of all Livery Companies, the LCAG are seeking to understand the current projects in hand and there is much to shout about and to build on.

1. Pollinating London Together, a charity established by the Gardeners and Wax Chandlers is a thriving group and they are holding an event on 16 September – see attached invite and their website <https://www.pollinatinglondontogether.com/>
2. The Fuellers' Livery have been holding a series of events and undertaking work around renewable energy. I am giving their Ezra Lecture on September 15th on “The UK’s approach to COP26 and our role as President” and there is a further day conference on 15th November on Future Energy and the flyer to attend is annexed
3. The Water Conservators' and Constructors' Liveries are both creating a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for their respective Livery Companies which could prove to be useful templates for other Livery Companies. The Water Conservators have also been running events in schools on environmental and water issues.
4. The Air Pilots with the Scientific Instrument Makers are running a Green Aviation Showcase on 25 October on the topic of the environment and aviation sustainability.

5. The Chartered Surveyors are funding bursaries at the University of Cambridge, Institute for Sustainability Leadership in order to train and expand the work of sustainability in the built environment.
6. Several Livery Companies have been undertaking seminars on climate related issues such as the World Traders on ESG and the Engineers on Net Zero Infrastructure.
7. The Glovers are keeping in touch with their trade members in the gloving and leather industries to understand how they are meeting the growing international (ISO) and environmental standards demanded in the manufacturing supply chain.

The work of these and other Livery Companies is being captured in short videos to be able to showcase the current work and act as a baseline from which to measure the increased engagement and progress over the coming years.

Please tell me what your Livery Company is doing? Would you like to make a short video?

The impact of food on the climate

The impact of the last seminar about food is still reverberating around the City with many Livery Companies mentioning that they are now actively looking at menus and food sourcing in choosing their Livery menus for the autumn season ahead. Most of the City caterers are alert to this and keen to respond with helpful information and choices. The Pan Livery Food Group is now working with the LCAG to provide guidance in this area.

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. Do you have time to help or know of anyone able to offer time to help our plans including some administration and co-ordination. No in depth knowledge of the topic of climate is needed as we have experts to help and share information.

What have we achieved to date?

Raised funds to meet the cost of the new website to be launched in October 2021.

Planning a virtual seminar in advance of COP26 to highlight the work of the Livery Companies around climate action.

Creating short videos to showcase the work of individual Livery Companies to date.

Contact and follow up

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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