

Newsletter

Autumn 2023 Edition

News from the Livery

Single Point of Contact Meeting

The October SPOC meeting saw the following items discussed:

- Various Liveries are carrying out carbon footprint assessments of their premises and other non-hall-owning Liveries will start pushing for creditable action & information.
- Any Liveries with Halls looking to assess their own footprint can utilise a free carbon benchmarking survey undertaken by Unifi via Constructor Livery member Paul Sheedy.
- The Innholders and Information Technologists updated on the positive steps they are taking including transitioning to green energy, engaging their younger members and the importance of social, as well as environmental, activity.

Other topics discussed included: food sustainability and behaviours; the collective Power Purchase Agreement that the City Corporation are consulting on; divesting from fossil fuels; and advocacy.

Read more [here](#).

If you are a SPOC and these topics are of interest then email: info@liverycag.org.uk

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- December SPOC Meeting

NEWS: Read the latest from the LCAG & the City of London

MEMBERSHIP: Meet the newest LCAG Members



Convenor's Column

Alderman Alison Gowman

It was a great honour to meet HRH King Charles III at the Banquet in honour of their Majesties at the Mansion House on 18th October. Doubly so as the theme of the dinner was to celebrate the sustainability interests that the King has long triumphed.

I was able to tell him about the work of the Livery Companies in the Livery Climate Action Group. He went away knowing how much effort we are making and its important impact.

Indeed, LCAG has become a hub of the work of Liveries and others and there are several initiatives starting up that you may be interested in joining, know someone who is an expert or keen to learn.

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Future Events



Why should the military care about climate change?

Lt Gen Richard Nugee

16 November 2023 5pm-6pm (online)

The November LCAG event considers whether climate change is a national security issue and why the military should care. Presented by Lt Gen Richard Nugee, author of a Review of Defence's approach to Climate Change and Sustainability, and Non-Executive Director for Climate Change and Net Zero for the Ministry of Defence, Richard will talk about how this vital part of our country's security and Government are addressing these issues.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2k36pkb5>

Future SPOC meetings...

The next all SPOC meetings will take place on Monday 4th December 5pm – 6pm. Click [here](#) to register; and Monday 29th Jan 2024: [Register](#)

Convenor's Column cont...

First, is the chance to drill down into whether offsetting is a credible option & can the Liveries bring a special angle to this? Next we have many who actually want to do practical things (mainly around City gardens or cleaning up). Do you want to be part of a group that helps organise this alongside City groups or charities already working in these areas?

Finally, the City Corporation has a range of excellent new planning policies around retrofitting, light management & biodiversity. Would you like to help scrutinise planning applications in order to comment on where aspects could be improved or to check up once implemented?

I am hoping these groups will attract both experts and those keen to take part and make a difference. Training may need to be provided & they will all ensure that the Liveries & City are better informed and engaged.

Email info@liverycag.org.uk to find out more or get involved.

Alderman Alison Gowman

News

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

Sustainable Investment for a Better World

Aimed mainly at Chairs of Livery Company charitable trusts this panel discussion covered:

- Insights into decarbonising charity & Livery funds to net zero. (Tessa Younger, CCLA Investment Management).
- The need for great companies, not just companies that are great at ESG reporting. (Eoin Murray, Federated Hermes Limited).
- How biodiversity-related risk will become financially material & how this is essential in mitigating future risks. (Anita McBain, Citi Research).

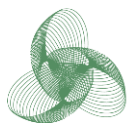
Read more [here](#).

Textile Livery Group Conference on Sustainable Fashion

The second UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT) and Textile Livery Group conference focused on good practice and making practical steps towards environmental goals. The conference launched the Sustainability 101 Series - a set of publications developed to give unbiased guidance about topics such as textile certification schemes.

UKFT are leading a £4million project to develop a fully integrated automated sorting and pre-processing demonstrator. The two-year project will advance existing and new supporting technologies to overcome current barriers to materials circularity.

Read more [here](#).



UK Business Climate Hub

Whilst 90% of SMEs want to measure & reduce emissions it can be daunting. Martin Traynor OBE (Cabinet Office & Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters) explains how the, newly revamped, [UK Business Climate Hub](#) can help.

Topics include: energy use, transport, waste, product labelling, supply chains & finance. So, whether you're in need of inspiration, information, support, or tools, the UK Business Climate Hub is a great place to start.

Read more [here](#).

Climate action update - October 2023



CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY

A month of news, events and new publications!

City of London Climate Action Strategy

The City of London's Climate Action Team presented their October 2023 progress report on Climate Action.

Read more [here](#).

Membership News

Since our Summer Newsletter we have four new members taking us to 94.

A warm LCAG welcome to:



**The Worshipful
Company of Educators**



**The Worshipful
Company of
Firefighters**



**The Worshipful
Company of Coopers**



**The Worshipful
Company of Parish
Clerks**

Our key success indicator is shifting to the number of members with a Climate-Action Plan. Step up the Water Conservators, Constructors, Fuellers, Builders Merchants, Engineers, Merchant Taylors, Wax Chandlers and Vintners who have all shared their documents as Case Studies on the LCAG website to help others.

Let's see some more!

Gordon Masterton, Recruitment and Engagement

News from you...

LCAG is always on the lookout for member news, updates and blog posts which share your progress and inspire others. If you have any information which you would be happy 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 15 January 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.