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NEWSLETTER WINTER LCAG IMPACT IN 2024/25

8 NEW MEMBERS

In 2024 LCAG's membership grew from 97 to 105 of a possible 120 Liveries & Guilds making it the largest inter-Livery movement.

Find our members here

87.5%

A WAY TO GO

Of LCAG's members, 13 published a Climate Action Plan / Environmental Strategy. Find guidance for your plan





200 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

200 people attended LCAG's third annual conference in October 2024. Focussing on Planning for a Resilient Future you can read an overview here



Or watch the conference film with highlights from speakers and attendees <u>here</u>



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CONVENOR'S COLUMN Alderman Alison Gowman

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. Now in our 4th year as an organisation we are looking to build & consolidate on our work with aspirations of more members & definitely more published climate action plans.

In November we held a strategy day to review our progress & set a vision for the future. Our plans included re-emphasising the key role that the Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) make to the delivery of our message & advocacy on behalf of their Livery Companies. A new role description has been agreed and discussed at our first of the new SPOC Forums.

We are also working on a constitution for the group that is an unincorporated association at present and will remain so - not seeking charitable or corporate status. (Yes I am a lawyer).

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NEWS & FUTURE EVENTS



DE-CARBONISING SEAFOOD SUPPLY-CHAIN

To find out how the seafood supply chain is seeking to decarbonise & how the Fishmongers' Company is enabling its users to quantify the carbon emissions in their product supply chains read more <u>here</u>.



SKILLS FOR A SUSTAINABLE SKYLINE The Skills for a Sustainable Skyline Taskforce, facilitated by the

City of London Corporation, brings together leaders from across the construction & related industries to identify & address the green skills gap throughout Central London's commercial built environment. Read more <u>here</u>.



ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Water Conservators' 1st City Environment Debate explored UN SDG No. 12: Responsible Consumption & Production. Read more <u>here</u>.

FUTURE EVENTS

Please note that 'ALL SPOC MEETINGS' have been replaced with 'SPOC FORUMS'. To help SPOCs (Single Points of Contact) get to know each other better we are introducing a series of online meetings to discuss hot topics related to the LCAG priorities. To sign up for these & other LCAG events visit: <u>https://liverycag.org.uk/events/list/</u>

CONVENOR'S COLUMN CONT...

Our future online meetings with SPOCs will have a bit more of a focus on a specific topic with biodiversity & carbon counting being our next two. Whilst these are aimed at SPOCs we do not object if you want to ask someone else from your Livery to attend with you or instead of you as there is an advantage to widening the knowledge & engagement.

It was felt that a closer link with the work of the Corporation will be beneficial & informative for the members & the talk on biodiversity will give an insight into what the City Corporation are doing to green our streets & create a better environment for all.

Finally, we are planning an inperson SPOC meeting in June instead of the annual Conference and are looking for a venue if any of you can assist in this that would be greatly appreciated.

There is always more to achieve & the Livery Climate Action Group are proving that they can. Thank you.

To find out more or get involved email info@liverycag.org.uk

NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE



BIOPHILIC DESIGN IN THE CITY

The Biophilic Design Conference saw 300+ players in urban design, health & climate resilience from the NHS, Dept of Education, Wildlife Trusts, Real Estate, Asset managers, the BBC, Stop Ecocide International & academia meet to discuss how to design cities, healthcare, schools & homes better.

Read more <u>here</u>.



PLASTICS ARE GOOD FOR YOU

This blog by the Horners recognises that plastic pollution continues to make the headlines & it is easy to blame the plastic industry for its cause. However, it is improper waste management that has made plastic pollution a worldwide problem. Whilst seen as a widespread environmental issue, it is recognised that the causes are interconnected & contribute to the perceived problems.

Read more here.



LCAG VISIT TO DEPLOY

LCAG's website attracts many people and Deploy, a British Sustainable Luxury Fashion Brand in City Road, Islington, which was founded as a strategic action plan to reform the fashion industry was one of them in 2024. Alison Gowman and Sasha Keir went along to meet them.



HOW ACTUARIES CAN HELP WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

Most people are risk averse & so is society. So why do we, as a society, base so much of our action on climate change on the central or most likely projected outcomes rather than trying to make sure that we are preparing for the more extreme scenarios that models indicate have small but not negligible probabilities?

Read more here.

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MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW KPI

Firstly, a very warm welcome to LCAG's 106th member, the Worshipful Company of Needlemakers!

In LCAG's first three years, our progress was largely measured by the number of Companies or Guilds joining the mutual-help network. With 106 members achieved, we will now be focusing more on the number who have written a <u>Climate-Action Plan</u>.

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF NEEDLEMAKERS



We are off to a healthy start, with many examples of plans, policies, sustainability statements, etc having been shared on our website in the early months. We now have 22 plans or policies approved by members' Courts and provided to LCAG for sharing as exemplars for others to study, learn & adapt to suit their own particular needs & priorities. Our philosophy is to share with pride & to borrow with thanks!

Here are the 22 pioneers in order of receipt: Water Conservators; Constructors; Fuellers; Builders' Merchants; Engineers; Basketmakers; Pattenmakers; Tobacco Pipe Makers & Tobacco Blenders; Mercers; Chartered Secretaries & Administrators; Dyers; Horners; Brewers; Saddlers; Marketors; Gardeners; Upholders; & Entrepreneurs. And with policies: Merchant Taylors; Wax Chandlers; Vintners; & Leathersellers.

Gordon Masterton, Recruitment & Engagement

NEWS FROM YOU...

The New Year is always a time to reflect on what has passed and what should be a future focus. In 2024 LCAG saw 50 SPOCs attending our climate action update; 72 attending the climate action plan sessions; & 45 of you joining our online seminars.

LCAG also produced 19 blogs, 4 newsletters & promoted various other events and updates from across the Livery and City of London. So now, as we look forward into 2025 we are interested to hear from you about the types of information that you want to hear about and how you want to receive it. If you have any feedback on this or have a story or blog you would like to share via LCAG please contact us at <u>info@liverycag.org.uk</u>

Helen Dobson, Editor

ABOUT LCAG

The Livery Climate Action Group was formed in 2021 to assist City of London Livery Companies & Guilds to manage their impact on Climate Change & the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions & making responsible use of resources. Contact info@liverycag.org.uk for details on how to join.

