

LIVERY CLIMATE ACTION GROUP UPDATE APRIL 2022

The level of activity is quite high but, like all organisations, we know we need to deliver outcomes.

So this is what we have achieved to date:

Membership – Thirty-three Livery Companies have signed up to be members of the Livery Climate Action Group. We are just getting the full names up on the website so that this is clear for all to see. Another 25 are at a preliminary stage, having enquired but not yet identified a single point of contact or just reviewing within their Company, Court or a relevant committee. I am confident that with a bit of encouragement the membership will be over 70 by the summer. We will be contacting those who have not yet indicated any interest and I know many Liveries are doing lots of relevant work and engagement but have just not joined.

Annual Conference, **4**th **July** – Full details and a chance to sign up to attend will be released very soon. It will be at Merchant Taylors' Hall starting at 1.30pm with an opening by the Lord Mayor and keynote speaker. It will be practical in helping Livery Companies to know what actions they can take.

Training sessions - working alongside Heart of the City some Livery Companies are participating in the training programme that the Corporation has commissioned the Heart of the City to deliver. This is a helpful and wide-ranging set of modules to understand what net zero means. This course will be run again. https://theheartofthecity.com/membership/climate-for-smes-4-steps-to-action/ We also ran a seminar with young voices from Arkwright Scholars talking about their solutions. You can view the video here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUvgE snkkc&t=14s

Partnerships – the LCAG is working closely with Pollinating London Together who are an established charity with strong Livery roots. We are also working closely with the Pan Livery Food Group and the Air Pilots Green Aviation Taskforce. We are looking forward to the Textiles Sustainability Conference on 12th May at Drapers Hall, (whilst not in any formal affiliation with them). These ideas all show the strength and depth of the Livery interest in green and sustainable matters and there are many more individual initiatives and programmes.

What can you do? – If you have already joined, can you tell us what you are doing?

You can create a simple short video (we have six already on the website) telling us about your plans or actions. Or you can write a blog about an initiative or event you are holding. We are happy to advertise events and like to hear how they went.

If you are not yet a member, joining the LCAG is easy and is not intended to commit you to any financial contribution nor to any specific pledge. However the LCAG wants to encourage all Livery Companies to work towards the City's own aims to be net zero by 2040 and joining is one sign of this commitment. Clearly, those Companies with Halls will have a key part to play, but all Companies can help make a difference in the way they conduct their business.

It would help us (and we hope you) if we had a single point of contact in each Livery. That might be you as the Clerk but for some there may be a Livery member. We don't want to assume that a keen person is necessarily the right person to be in touch with until you confirm.

The LCAG will continue to send regular news and events information to help us all contribute to the City's net zero goal.

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