

# Newsletter

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## News from the Livery

### LCAG “Sustainable Futures” video series

The first of a planned series of videos on topical climate-change issues and how they are being addressed in the City of London is now available on the LCAG YouTube Channel [here](#).

In this 25 minute interview you will hear Keith Bottomley, City of London Corporation Deputy Policy Chairman and Upper Warden of the Pattenmakers discuss how the corporation created and continues to deliver the City of London Climate Action Plan. Hosted by Tim Fitch, Upper Warden of the Constructors.



## Chair’s Message

Membership of the Livery Climate Action Group continues to grow and, more importantly, so does the activity and engagement around the topic of climate change.

Since the Winter newsletter LCAG has run several events for those joining the Group and more events are planned. There has been a surge in seminars, lectures and activity by individual Liveries or groups - the Furniture Makers held a day’s seminar about making their craft net zero and the Launderers held an ambitious day seminar about the future of energy in the UK. The Water Conservators run regular online events and their professional links mean they participate in current thinking. The City Corporation’s climate action team called on Liveries and other to contribute towards a heritage building framework to help the 600 listed buildings in the Square Mile alone meet net zero carbon targets. The Lightmongers and others responded to the City’s consultation about light pollution from buildings; bringing their professional expertise to this topic. LCAG held an in-person seminar at the Chartered Architects’ new home in Temple Bar which addressed the specific need for almshouses to be made fit for the future. This seminar was opened up to other almshouse owners showing how the Livery can help a wide range of organisations.

I see that the appetite within the Livery is to challenge our usual ways of working and so it is not just about net zero carbon emissions (where non-property-owning Liveries are not massive emitters) but around sustainability more widely including issues of food, transport and biodiversity. Each of us has a unique contribution to make.

**Alderman Alison Gowman**



# Building a Livery Company Climate Action Plan

## Focus on our updated Guidance Note 1

LCAG encourages all Livery Companies to establish their own Climate Action Plans and our newly updated guidance note suggests a process that a Livery Company might follow. The guidance applies whether the Company has a hall or not and includes practical measures they can take towards a sustainable, adaptable, and resilient future.

It recommends you establish a Climate Action group, decide on your objectives, and prepare and publish your plan on the LCAG website to help others.

The note now provides a template, arranged in sections relevant to those with halls, those without halls, and those who wish to engage and encourage their wider business sectors or schools and colleges. This should make it much easier for you to craft your own.

## Membership Reaches 70

14 Companies and Guilds have joined LCAG since our last Newsletter bringing membership to **70**, with a pipeline of interest that extends further. Welcome to the Weavers, Curriers, Paviers, Chartered Secretaries, Tallow Chandlers, Wheelwrights, International Bankers, Grocers, Security Professionals, Glass Sellers, Broderers, Nurses, Arts Scholars and Vintners.

We organise induction sessions and “All-SPOC Updates” to keep this large and growing group engaged and enthused to prepare their Climate Action Plans, our first Key Success Indicator.

**SPOC Updates:** These quarterly meetings are for Company and Guild liaison members to share experiences, report on initiatives, seek help with challenges, celebrate successes and compare progress on their Climate Action Plans.

First meeting 16 May 2023 online 5pm-6pm. Register [here](#).



### BUILDING A LIVERY COMPANY CLIMATE-ACTION PLAN: APPENDIX A

CLIMATE-ACTION PL  
GUIDANCE NOTE 1

#### COMMITMENT AND SUGGESTED AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A CLIMATE-ACTION PLAN

We, [NAME OF LIVERY COMPANY OR GUILD], support the Livery Climate Action Group in its aim of reducing our carbon emissions and our wider impact on the environment, and fostering a more responsible and sustainable approach to the use of the planet's scarce resources. Accordingly, our Company commits itself to having a Climate-Action Plan to work towards reducing its impact on the environment and will encourage its stakeholders and associated networks to do the same.

1. All Companies and Guilds can reduce (or manage) their impact by:
  - Reducing their direct and indirect carbon emissions wherever possible, firstly by aiming to establish baseline data; then by setting out a road map and milestones for reductions; and then by regularly reviewing progress and sharing good practice within LCAG towards achieving them.
  - Adopting proactive and continuous improvement in food supply chains, menu choices, and food waste management, leading to more sustainable and healthier Livery activities.
  - Reviewing their waste policies and practices so as to increase re-use and recycling with the aim of achieving zero waste to landfill.
  - Reducing their per capita water consumption and wastewater discharges.
  - Taking into account the travel needs and modes of their employees, members and visitors and identifying sustainable transport modes.
  - Reviewing their investment portfolio(s) considering Environmental, Social and Governance good practice and alignment with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

*Rob Casey, Chair, Baseline Group*

Joining is easy. There is no fee, and the only firm requirement is to authorise a Single Point of Contact to liaise between LCAG and your own Company.



*Gordon Masterton, Chair, Recruitment & Engagement*



## FUTURE EVENTS

### *The Role of PPAs in Reaching Net Zero*

Phil Dominy & Graeme Low

26 April 2023 5pm-6pm (online)

The Solar Farm in Dorset behind the City's Power Purchase Agreement. Image courtesy City of London Corporation

Phil (EY) and Graeme (City of London Corporation) will give an introduction to the concept of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), differing models and their related benefits and risks; the City of London Corporation's PPA business case; scope; construction and delivery of the Solar Farm; lessons learned and future developments at South Farm. Finally, the Square Mile Multi-Offtaker PPA will be introduced, explaining exciting new opportunities for the Livery and SMEs in the Square Mile. Register [here](#).

## LCAG Conference 2023: Date for your diary



### LCAG ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023  
Merchant Taylors Hall 12noon - 5pm



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](mailto:info@liverycag.org.uk) for details on how to join.

