



Late June 2021 update

Overall aim

The overall aim is to engage with Livery Companies and encourage interest in the topic of Climate Action and then gradually provide guidance and information and a possible written commitment to act in step with the Corporation's Climate Action Strategy. The Livery sensitivity to a Charter and more directive stance is understood and there is no wish to be virtue signalling on this topic which would cause a negative reaction.

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.

Third online seminar – The impact of food on the climate

The third online seminar took place on June 28th at 6pm on the topic of food production, supply chains and food redistribution and waste. The event was very well attended. Master Cook David Smith opened the event and there were presentations by Richard Whitlock, Master Farmer, Juliane Caillouette Noble from the Sustainable Restaurant Association and Laura Winningham from City Harvest. A separate write up and recording of the event will be sent around separately and posted on the Livery Committee website.

Workstreams

Four workstreams are beavering away to provide the practical guidance and information that will help the Livery Companies adopt measures and behaviours. A new group is working on our plans for engaging with the international climate conference, COP26, in November 2021.

The workstreams reported to the core group recently as follows:

Workstream 1 –Financial Investments

The guidance document is now ready and includes an Introduction by the Guild of Investment Managers with a good glossary of terms and standards as well as a policy on keeping an investment manager true. This is being tested by a couple of Livery Companies or their investment committees and if you want to see this (in advance of launch) as part of a pilot and review then do contact alison.gowman@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Workstream 2 - Property

The scope of the group is wide and the deliverables are many and work is starting apace. This includes sections of guidance on energy, energy efficiency measures, heating systems, technology and smart buildings as well as sustainable construction. Other areas are circular economy, grant opportunities, transport, water efficiency, waste, flooding, green spaces and gardens.

Workstream 3 – Education

They are collating research for use by all.

Workstream 4 – A Livery Commitment, COP26 and the Livery's wider influence

Work is ongoing about our plans to launch this initiative with a possible new website and some social media content in the Autumn. This will align with the COP26 conference being held from 1 – 12 November 2021 in Glasgow but with likely online presence and events in Glasgow and London. We are hoping to find out what all the Livery Companies are currently doing and, resisting a general survey, will be pleased to have any news of events, plans and initiatives.

What have we achieved to date?

Cross Livery working. The LCAG is working with the Pollinating London Together group and the Gardeners in their seminar series. A copy of the latest Pollinating London Together newsletter is here. They are encouraging participation in a pollinator count over the summer. <https://mailchi.mp/58e1bd9aa0c4/plt-newsletter-4972530?e=3f39395210>

The property group are liaising with two Livery Companies who are undertaking building works to learn from their experience and help in their planning.

The submission made by the Construction Liveries Group to the Government Select Committee, the Environmental Audit Committee, about the Sustainability of the Built Environment was published by the EAC and there is a link here. <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1147/sustainability-of-the-built-environment/publications/written-evidence/?page=3> The submission is SBE053. The prompt from LCAG also led to other construction companies and the Constructors' Livery submitting evidence to this body.

We have made contact with the food livery companies following the food seminar and want to liaise with them about food and climate issues.

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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