



Chair's Report 2018 - 2019

34 and Still Standing!

March 2018 saw the year start with the cessation of the £10 note featuring Charles Darwin as legal tender, the UK was in the grip of the "mini Beast from the East" and Carbon Dioxide emissions in the UK fell to levels last seen in 1890

Brexit dominates the news but amidst all this Theresa May proposes a ban on plastic straws and cotton buds, followed by over forty companies including Coca-Cola and Asda pledge and sign up to the UK Plastics Pact to cut plastic pollution by 2025

1 June – The Met Office confirms that May 2018 was the warmest May since records began in 1910 and was also likely to be the sunniest since 1929

Closer to home the Trust has maintained the UN Sustainable Development Goals as our theme and continued to sponsored the 2030hub in Liverpool which gives MET members access to the 2030hub to meet, hot desk, free WiFi, tea, coffee and access to the knowledge hub. Our publicity and materials are out on display for all who visit the hub to see and access.

With the above as a backdrop the Trust continues developing partnerships to engage in all aspects of society, civic, political and economic and has continued to put on events and award small grants for local people to make a difference to their environment.

Trust Structure for 2018 – 2019

Stephen Yip MBE DL	President
Dr Geoff Woodcock	Vice President

Executive Committee

Stephen Sykes	Chair
Don Thompson	Vice Chair
Dr Stella Shackel	
Prof. Derek Gould	
Richard Fassam	
Graeme Moore	Communications
Stuart McBain	Membership / Secretary / Treasurer

Goodbye and Farewell

During the course of the year we said farewell to Chris Hennessey, Les Bellmon and James Naokes all stepped down from the Executive Committee due to work, family and health issues. On behalf of the Executive I would like to thank James, Les and Chris for all their time and efforts on behalf of MET.

Focus / Activity

Green Drinks Liverpool 5th April, Dr Duncan's – Part of the Green Drinks International Network

Our 2018 programme of activity kicked off with our monthly Green Drinks gathering and continued on the first Thursday of the month for the whole year.

4th Annual Gary Mahoney Memorial Debate - Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Thursday, 7th June

MET and Liverpool Friends of the Earth presented the annual Gary Mahoney Memorial Debate at The Pearce Suite in The Adelphi Hotel. This was the fourth annual debate held in honour of Gary Mahoney, Air Quality Manager with Sefton Council and long-time Friends of the Earth representative, whose sudden death in November 2014 was a sad loss for environmentalists on Merseyside and beyond. The title of this year's debate was "A Green and Fair City – How will we make it happen" chaired by Annie Merry CEO of Faiths4Change.



Merseyside Environmental Trust & Liverpool Friends of the Earth
Invite you to the
4th Annual Gary Mahoney Memorial Debate

Thursday 7th June 2018 – 7.30pm
Pearce Room, Adelphi Hotel, L3 5UL

FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS WELCOME

Speakers

Steve Rotheram Elected Mayor of the Liverpool City Region
Craig Bennett Chief Executive Officer of Friends of the Earth



'Green Drinks Liverpool'

WAVE Bar – 5.30pm
Environmental Networking
downstairs at the Adelphi





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Natural Health Service 8th October at the Sherrington Building University of Liverpool.

Our 4th Health and the Environment event in partnership with the Duncan Society with guest speaker Clare Olver, Mersey Forest. The Natural Health Service uses the natural environment to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities across Merseyside and North Cheshire. We see the natural environment – our parks, woodlands and other green spaces – as a health asset; places that can contribute to the prevention and treatment of physical and mental health conditions. They are working with Liverpool John Moores University and the University of Liverpool to create a long-term research programme, a Centre of Excellence for Natural Health Service Research. This is already producing ground-breaking work that is helping to improve delivery of the Natural Health Service. The talk explored the results of the work, and progress that has been made over in bringing together a consortium of organisations with the aim of the Natural Health Service being commissioned as part of a holistic approach to health care and improvement.

A full list of past events can be viewed at <http://www.met-net.org.uk/past-events1.html>

Grants

This year grants have been awarded to:-

Group/Organisation	Grant Value
Faiths for Change	£482.88
Friends of Walker Park	£500.00
Friends of Benty Woods	£500.00
2030Hub	£500.00
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	£500.00
	<u>£2,482.88</u>

Finance and Other Support for the Trust

The Trust still receives modest membership fees and still maintains a moderately healthy bank balance, but we cannot continue as we are for many more years as our accounts will attest. A priority for the Trust going forward will be to develop a more strategic fundraising strategy.

Again we have to thank the University of Liverpool for their continuing support in providing office space for the Trust which is a very valuable asset to us.



Local Bar “Dirty Little Secret” Ran a number of Charity Nights “Save the Turtle” and door proceeds were donated to the Trust a total of £765 was raised, Liverpool John Moore’s University Year 1 Fashion Students did a fashion show with a reuse and recycle theme with door proceeds also being donated to the Trust - £65.68.



Support and Engagement

Executive Committee members continue to engage with an increasing fora such as;-

- Merseyside Local Access Forum
- Trans Pennine Trail Steering Group
- Association of Liverpool Allotments
- Merseyside Waste Recycling and Disposal Authority
- Merseyside Civic Society
- The Duncan Society
- Mersey Estuary Forum
- Transition Towns Liverpool
- Friends of the Earth Liverpool
- Liverpool Centre for Innovation in Urban Food
- Friends of Princes Park
- Friends of Otterspool Park
- Merseyside European Movement Committee
- Friends of Liverpool Parks
- 2030hub
- Mersey Forest
- University of Liverpool
- North West Environment Link
- Liverpool & Sefton Chambers of Commerce Responsible Business Forum.
- Nature Connected (Board)
- Faiths 4 Change (Board)
- Local Access Forum
- Liverpool Cycle Forum
- Cyclists Touring Club
- Friends of Renshaw Street Community Forum
- Friends of Hamilton Square Conservation Forum

Communications

Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Website (www.met-net.org.uk)					
Page Views per Week	100	1000	1400	1500	1344
Individual Viewers	60	350	400	750	1,248
Twitter					
Followers	147	188	292	395	570
Tweets	131	294	1210	2091	2,935
Facebook					
Followers					203
Page Likes				85	172
Linked In Group Members					
	107	226	266	271	275

MetMail has not been produced this year and a new electronic version using MailChimp is being developed.



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2019 - 2020 – More Change

Going forward as the environmental agenda changes we need to engage with more people Liverpool City Region wide especially young people and communities. Our web presence will continue to be developed and expanded to increase our reach and engagement.

The Trust will play an active role in the LCR Year of Environment, in steering group participation and event organisation.

We need to bolster our finances and engage with the private sector more.

To this end the Executive and myself are looking to recruit new members to the Executive Committee to bring new ideas and initiatives to the activities of the Trust.

2019 - 2020 is looking to be interesting, tough and certainly a challenging time year for us!

Stephen Sykes
Chair