

Climate and Zero Carbon Working Party (CWP)

Report to the RCC January 2026

CWP has been re-formed as a joint Committee of RCC and Barbican Association, to continue the work previously led by Ted Reilly on behalf of residents, focusing on Cost, Control, Comfort and Carbon. CWP members are listed below.

The AMBUE study commissioned in 2024 will be a key reset of our understanding of the factors determining the four C's. The cost of the study for long leaseholders will be £134,900 (total cost of £234,900 less £100,000 provided by Climate Action Strategy Fund) and solutions based on their Building Information Model are potentially far-reaching.

Accordingly, CWP's priority has been readiness to provide informed response and challenge when the Ambue project team is ready to engage with us. We would like that to be as soon as possible.

At our kick-off meeting on 4 November 2025, a large amount of relevant historic material was shared, and thanks are due to Jo Boait, Sandra Jenner and Fred Rodgers for unearthing it. The material has subsequently been uploaded to a library on Google Drive for easy access.

It was apparent in that meeting that we are lagging in our understanding of how the City of London (CoL) is managing Climate Action, so Anne Corbett arranged for us to meet with Kate Neale, the City's Climate Action Programme Director. She took us through the CoL report: **Taking Climate Action Our Progress 2025**.

The second CWP meeting was held on 15 December 2025 at which we reflected on the meeting with Kate Neale, and other CoL meetings attended by CWP Members including the City Scope Summit and a Green Network meeting.

The Green Network Hub may provide a useful platform to provide information to residents and we will keep it under review. However, we were otherwise underwhelmed by the attention given to the housing sector by the various City-wide initiatives.

As regards the Barbican Estate, we are fortunate that Dan Sanders has ownership of four projects on his Climate Action Tracker: AMBUE Heating Study; LED lighting; Lift modernisation (energy consumption); Building monitoring systems & water pumps.

Our first couple of months in existence has moved us from ground zero to a working knowledge of net zero in what feels like a rapid transition. We are very keen not to be simply a 'talking shop' about carbon initiatives, but to make a difference and the AMBUE study seems to be where we should focus our initial effort.

However, to be able to plan forward effectively, we intend to review our Terms of Reference and associated purpose / mission, objectives, communication plan etc, which will be brought to RCC in due course.

CWP Members

- Randall Anderson – Co Chair, Barbican Association
- Alicia Villagr  Ayuso
- Jo Boait – Chair, RCC
- Humfrey Brandes
- Anne Corbett – Chair, BRC
- James Manningmore
- Jan-Marc Petroschka – Co Chair, Barbican Association
- David Preston – CWP Secretary
- Fred Rodgers
- Richard Setchim – Chair, CWP
- Stephan Solomonidis