

# WELCOME TO THE OWNER OPERATOR ROUND TABLE

**THE EVENT WILL BEGIN AT 10am**



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP GROUP**

Leading the bereavement sector to sustainability

# Who are we?



# What are we trying to do?

- To help the sector to understand and engage with the Climate Emergency issues
- To act as a focal point for the sector on Environmental issues
- To provide a space for engagement and dialogue
- To listen to concerns, understand barriers and help find common ground for all
- To influence thoughts on regulation and joined up thinking

# Why?

- To provide a joint response to the challenges identified in the Climate Emergency declarations in the UK
- To show as a sector we recognise that our daily activities cause damage to the environment
- To help provide a consensus of response in where we are and where we want to be
- To help understand and support the requirements that will have to take place within the sector

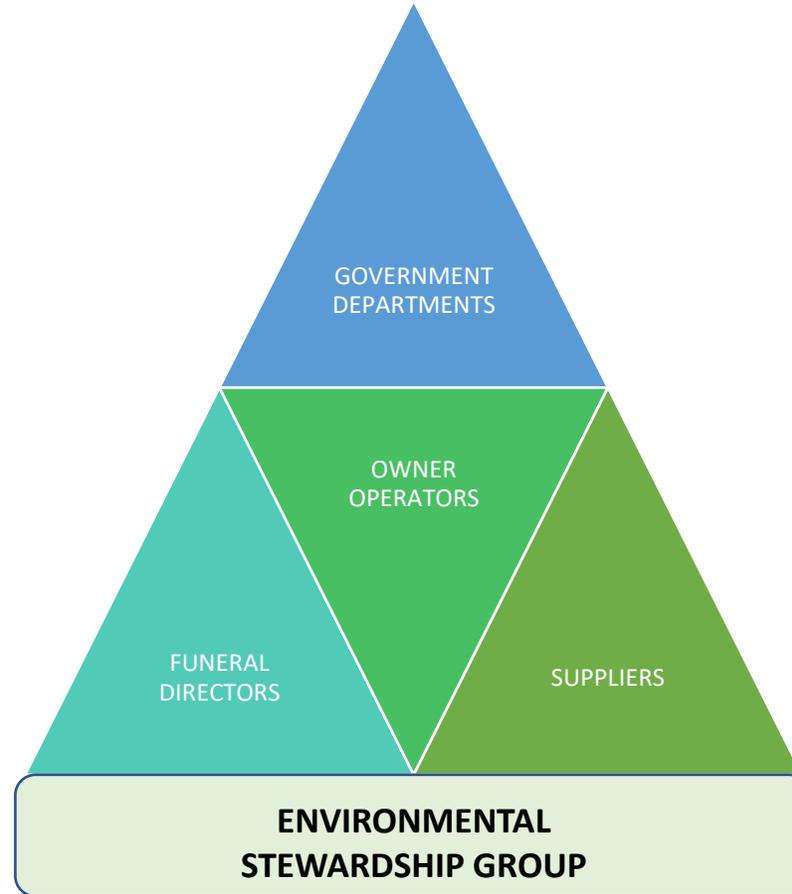
# OBJECTIVES

- **Protect the environment**
  - To take a series of measures to reduce existing and negative impacts by 2025
- **Promote continuous improvement**
  - To establish an industry wide approach to driving positive change and innovation
- **Shape regulatory requirements**
  - To influence, legislation, guidance and advice that reflects the industry as a whole
- **Communicating commitment**
  - To embed within the sector pro active and positive commitment to promoting the sectors actions and efforts.

# Overview

- As a sector we self police ourselves to achieve the compliance expected
- We have a number of interfaces with Government departments who provide, advice, guidance and legislation, all of which is under review
- It could be said that the sensitive nature of our activities in part shield it from change
- But we are not excluded from the implications surrounding the climate emergency, we are in some aspects at the heart of it.

# HIGH LEVEL GROUPINGS IN THE SECTOR

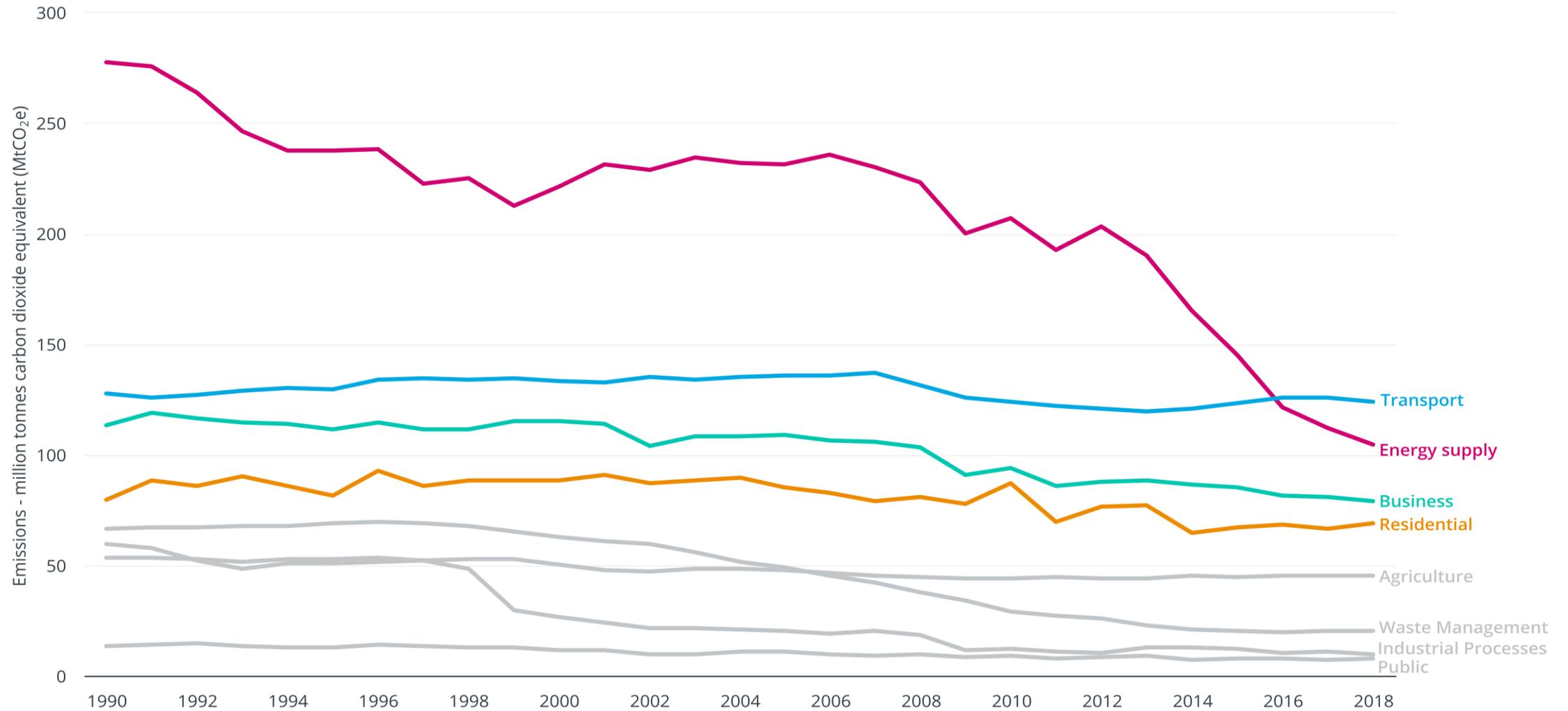


# What is the climate emergency?

- The climate is the long-term pattern of day to day weather. Our food and water supplies depend on stable seasonal patterns of temperature, rain, and wind in the UK and elsewhere. In the last 100 years the earth's average temperature has increased faster than previously seen – this is known as global warming or global heating.
- Evidence shows that human activity and our use of fuels like petrol, diesel, gas, and coal is highly likely to be the main cause of global warming. When these fuels are burned they release greenhouse gases which trap heat in the earth's atmosphere, causing the air and seas to heat up which changes the climate.
- The greenhouse gases produced when we burn these fuels contain a lot of carbon and so the term 'carbon emissions' is often used. The problem is that current levels of greenhouse gases are higher than they have been over the last 800,000 years and they are rising rapidly.

# Emissions

- The Climate Change Act 2008 committed the UK to an 80% reduction in carbon emissions relative to the levels in 1990, to be achieved by 2050. In June 2019, secondary legislation was passed that extended that target to “at least 100%”.
- The Climate Change Act 2008 named six major greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride.\* Carbon dioxide makes up the bulk of these
- Carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, mercury, PM10.



Source: Institute for Government analysis of: *Final UK greenhouse gas emissions national statistics*, BEIS, February 2020

Note: Net negative emissions from LULUCF not shown.



# Targets and timescales

- UK Chair COP 26 Glasgow November 2021
- In 2020 we had achieved 43% reduction in carbon emissions
- In 2025 we have to achieve and plan for -50%
- In 2030 we have to achieve and plan for -64%
- In 2035 we should be close to the finishing line -78%\*
  - Original figure 80% for 2050
- In 2050 we have to be Carbon Net Zero – by Law!

# Government & Environment Agency

- The Government has produced its 10 point action plan
- The Committee of Climate Change has delivered the 6<sup>th</sup> Carbon Budget
- The targets and timescales have changed
- This is the biggest impact and opportunity of our lifetime
- Brexit has created a number of changes in terms of Law and Guidance
- The Environment Agency is now leading on UK Emission trading scheme.
- 2021 will see a raft of new legislation, guidance and advice for our sector.

# Bereavement Sector

- Environmental Permit Regulations part 2 managed by Local Authorities – Local Air Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC part B)
- Emissions - Air Quality 15% of Mercury emissions from Crematoria
- Up stream activity – i.e. Defra & Dental Industry
- Review of guidance awaiting launch post covid – 50% abatement
- Success to date Nitrous -63%; Sulphates -81%; PM10 -31%\*; GHG -43%
- Moving from Gas to Electric
- Emissions – tighter and tighter regulations – financial implications
- Sustainable businesses – Partnership approach

# Break out rooms

- Where are you now as a business?
- What are your concerns?
- What will help you the most to help address these issues?
- Who else needs to hear this message?

# Feedback

- Each room co-ordinator
  - Please send your results to [info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk)
- Key themes to date so far:
  - Understanding –reluctance to change; regulation required; where are we?
  - Information – Data required; road map required; what can be done now?
  - Action – Environmental Audits; Source of information; who is our advocate?
- *“The biggest threat to the environment is the belief that someone else will save it.”*

# Next steps

- Next meeting – mini review for newcomers
- Update on progress made or not
- Identification of barriers
- Innovative approaches
- Food for thought

# Signposting

- What help is there for us?
- Who can we contact for support?
- What is the latest information relating to our sector?
- Where can we find out more?
- When will we know how our sector is responding to the challenge?
- [www.environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk](http://www.environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk)

# Date of next meeting

- 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am
- Please book at [info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@environmentalstewardshipgroup.org.uk)
- Please encourage your friends and colleagues in the sector to join in, we have 4 key groups:-
  - Owner Operators
  - Funeral Directors
  - Government
  - SuppliersAll are welcome.