

**TEN YEARS
OF THE
ALDERSGATE
GROUP**
2006-2016

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

When the Aldersgate Group was founded in 2006, the Climate Change Act was merely an early day motion; the Stern Review was months away from publication; Al Gore had just premiered “An Inconvenient Truth”.

Our foundation was marked by publication of our first report, Green Foundations. It argued that, **“no economic policy which sacrifices environmental quality can succeed in the long term”**. Ten years later, this belief remains core to the Group’s activities.

In our first decade, we’ve been at the heart of a major shift in thinking, from seeing regulations as obstructive and decarbonisation as a burden, to putting carbon emissions on the boardroom agenda and amplifying a business demand for “smart” regulation.

For our next decade, we look forward to implementation of the Paris Agreement, meeting our first four carbon budgets and establishing the systems to leave our natural environment in a better state than we found it.

To achieve all that, we look forward to working with our peerless membership which spans business, politics and civil society. We are beholden to our members and close collaborators for their enthusiasm and expertise and offer our thanks for their unstinting support.



Dame Fiona Woolf DBE
Honorary President



Joan Walley
Chair

CELEBRATING A DECADE

2006-2016



ALDERSGATE GROUP ACTIVITY

2006

MAY 2006

Inaugural report argues environmental stability is essential for economic success



2007

APRIL 2007

Campaign launched for businesses to report their carbon emissions



2008

JUNE 2007

Tony Blair resigns as Prime Minister



OCTOBER 2006

Publication of the Stern Review

NOVEMBER 2009

First of three reports launched tackling the transitional policies needed for a low carbon economy in finance, skills and resources



2009

OCTOBER 2008

Creation of the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)



2010

JANUARY 2010

DECC Secretary of State, Ed Miliband, reports back to Aldersgate Group guests on climate change negotiations in Copenhagen



NOVEMBER 2010
Campaign launch for creation of a Green Investment Bank

2011

JULY 2010
Deepwater Horizon oil spill



MAY 2010
Conservatives and Liberal Democrats form the Coalition Government

MAY 2011
Coalition government approves the Fourth Carbon Budget



APRIL 2011
Ed Balls tweets "Ed Balls"

NOVEMBER 2011

New workstream makes the business case for supporting biodiversity



SEPTEMBER 2013

Letter sent to Chancellor George Osborne, signed by investors managing over £1tn, calls for a 2030 decarbonisation target in the Energy Bill

2012

OCTOBER 2012
Establishment of the Green Investment Bank

MAY 2013
Carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere passes 400 parts per million

JUNE 2012
DPM Nick Clegg confirms introduction of mandatory carbon reporting for large companies

2014

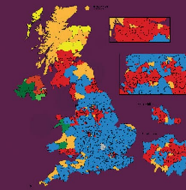
FEBRUARY 2014

Letter sent to the FT points out the link between recent floods and climate change, winning coverage in the same newspaper



2015

DECEMBER 2014
Manifesto report sets out the Group's priorities for the new government



MAY 2015
General Election sees establishment of a Conservative majority government

DECEMBER 2015

Turnover of Aldersgate Group's corporate membership tops £400bn

2016



JULY 2016
Lord Deben and major businesses discuss the implications of "Brexit" for the low carbon economy

JULY 2016
Government approves the Fifth Carbon Budget

52%

JUNE 2016
Britain votes to leave the European Union

DECEMBER 2015
International agreement to tackle climate change reached in Paris

UK AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



FORMER DECC SECRETARY OF STATE
RT HON AMBER RUDD MP



FORMER BIS SECRETARY OF STATE
RT HON SIR VINCENT CABLE



EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
DANIEL CALLEJA CRESPO

“Aldersgate's influence means the voices of progressive businesses are always heard in government. They have helped ensure environmental policy became a partnership between the political and commercial worlds.”

RT HON AMBER RUDD MP

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

“Through its advocacy on policy the Aldersgate Group is an essential catalyst in helping the UK move towards a low carbon economy.”

ABYD KARMALI

MANAGING DIRECTOR, CLIMATE FINANCE AT BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH

A DECADE'S IMPACT ON UK POLICY

HOSTED MORE THAN

240

EVENTS

RECEIVED MORE THAN

700

MEDIA HITS

PUBLISHED

32

REPORTS

THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT OUR EVENTS COULD FILL...

2x

ROYAL
ALBERT
HALL

27x

THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS
CHAMBER

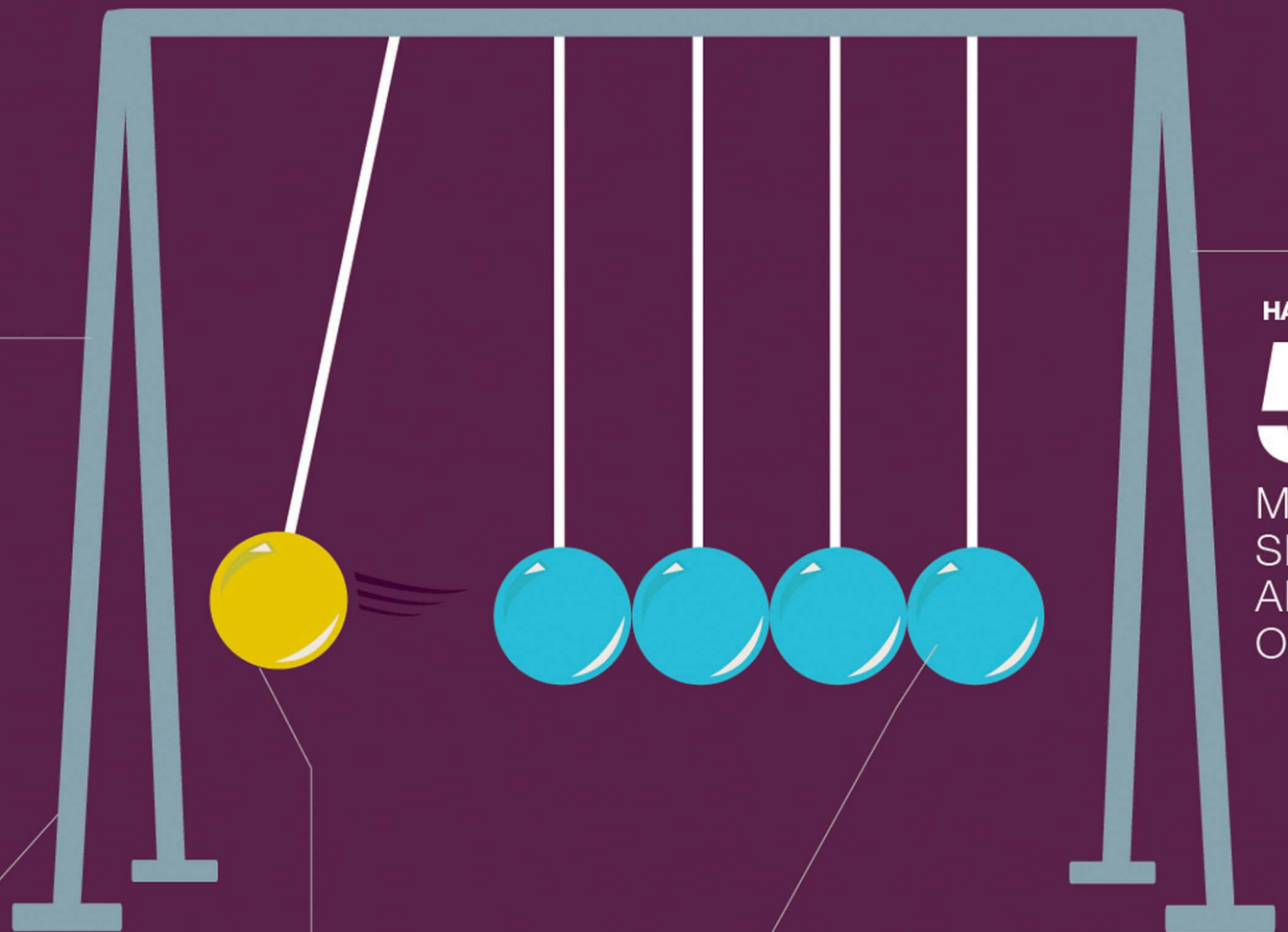
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LONDON
DOUBLE-DECKER
BUSES

HAD

50

MEETINGS WITH
SECRETARIES
AND MINISTERS
OF STATE



“The Aldersgate Group has been invaluable in demonstrating that action on climate change makes economic sense and enjoys strong business support. The UK’s climate agenda has and will continue to benefit from their cross-economy, evidence-based approach.”

SIR DAVID KING

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

“I am very glad that the Aldersgate Group has been very supportive of the European Commission’s objectives on the Circular Economy Package and I count on their further support for the EU’s work in this area in the months to come.”

JYRKI KATAINEN

EUROPEAN COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT FOR JOBS, GROWTH, INVESTMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS

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