

Anna French CMLI

All candidates are required to provide a manifesto/candidate statement of no more than 250 words that must address the 2 questions below

- 1 How would you support delivery of the LI corporate strategy whilst living the LI core values?
- 2 Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing

Candidate Statement:

I am the Director of Anna French Associates, a small landscape and ecology practice I set up 7 years ago. Our projects are mainly residential developments but also include parks, play areas, schools and gardens. I have a good understanding of the commercial pressures we are all under.

After taking part in the global climate strike on March 15th with my two daughters, I set up the #landscapeforfuture campaign to support the young people and raise awareness and share ideas and knowledge with our industry.

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. We have realised that scientific knowledge, political agreements and sustainable development are not enough and it is time to take action and push for change.

I believe this is something of great relevance to the landscape profession and delivering on the LI Corporate Strategy. If we can see off the immediate crisis then there is a good chance we will have the opportunity to explore natural solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change on a national if not global scale, building the relationships with other professions and utilising the amazing skills and expertise we already have, to engineer the cities, forests and habitats of the future. I have already started to make connections with other groups who want to push for these solutions. Our profession has a chance to make an impact and we need to take a lead and be the change we want to see.