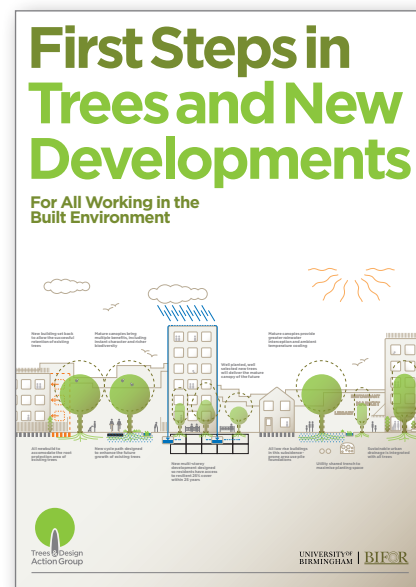
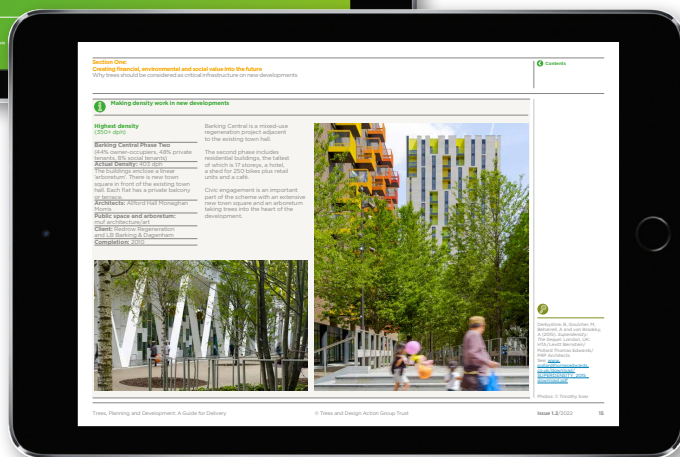


Annual Review 2022

It has been a busy year for the Trees and Design Action Group and the first task of this report is to thank all those who have given time and thought to our various activities. TDAG's "success" depends on this collaborative, cross-disciplinary engagement.



Publications

All are available to download without charge on TDAG's [Our Guides](#) webpage.

Trees, Planning and Development: A Guide for Delivery – Section One

An updated version has now been published. Again, with thanks to those who submitted comments and corrections.

First Steps in Trees and New Developments

This fourth *First Steps in* guide was published in July 2022.

Seminars, workshops and discussions

Covid meant that we had to move all our meetings online. While some of us may miss face to face engagement, one advantage has been that many more people can attend across a geographically dispersed area.

Past events, recordings and presentations are on our [Past Events](#) page and the [TDAG YouTube Channel](#). To summarise the 2022 events in date order:

7th February: Connecting urban green space, health and climate

15th March: White Rose Urban Forest Action Plan

5th April: How can we deliver and maintain trees in highways successfully?

12th May: Trees and SuDS

8th June: How can planning help us increase our urban trees?

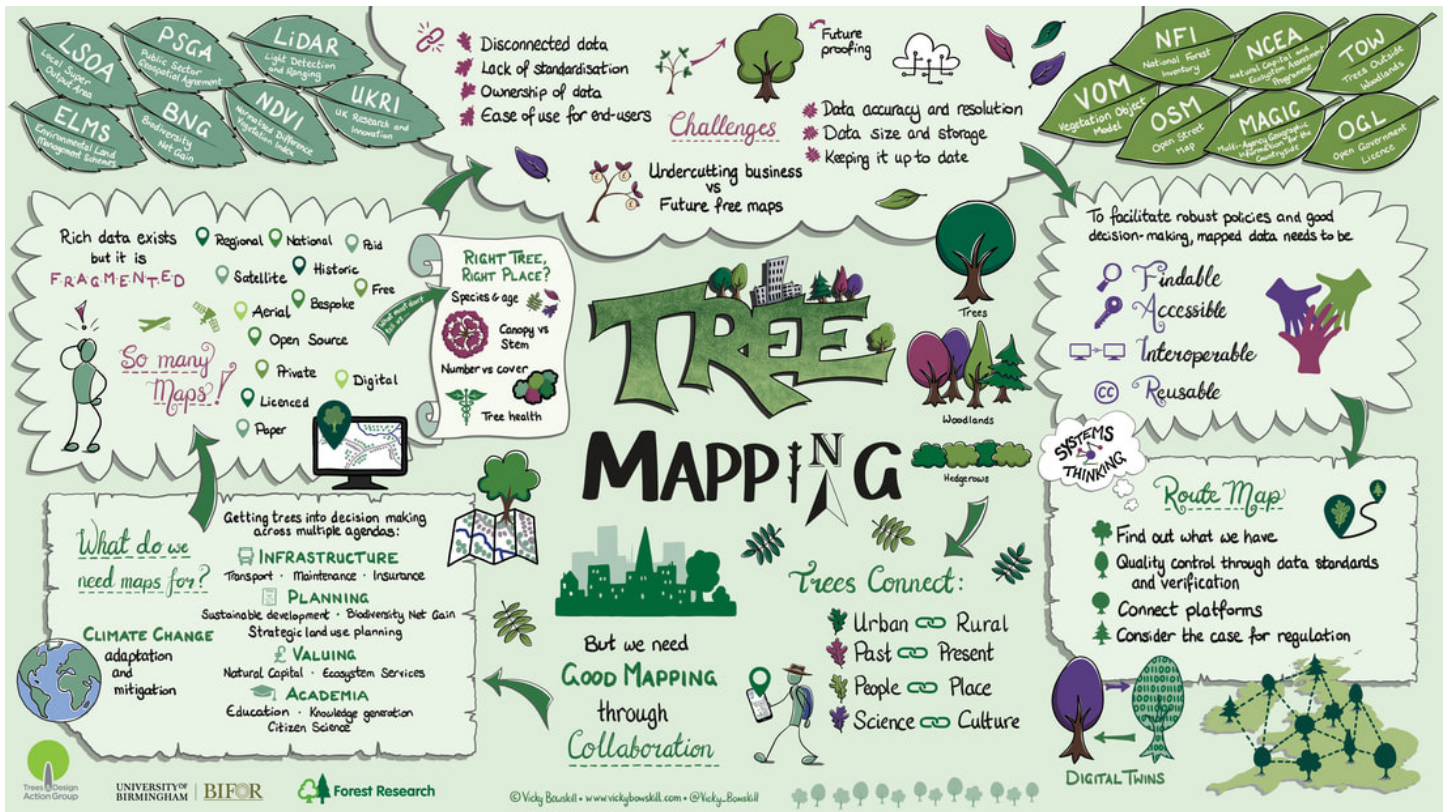
16th June: Tree Mapping Workshop – curated by TDAG with Forest Research and the University of Birmingham BIFoR

14th September: *First Steps in Trees and New Developments*

4th October: The critical role of trees in making healthy places that support mental and physical wellbeing

22nd November: Tree research project and the Future of UK Treescapes

7th December: Understanding the value and fragility of 'soil'



Outcomes

The Tree Mapping workshop was a half day event and, as you can see from Vicky Bowskill's great infographic, there are many mapping methods. We are now working with the Geospatial Commission in the Cabinet Office to test tree mapping as part of their Q-Fair assessment process. See <https://geospatialcommission.blog.gov.uk/tag/q-fair>.

Future events

Details are posted on our [Events](#) page.

There are a number of important seminars planned for 2023, so please keep looking at our Events page and invitations. The first one for 2023 will be on 8th February with Professor Cecil Konijnendijk – full details coming soon.

Futurebuild 2022

This took place at ExCel, London. TDAG had a stand, which it shared with several academic and other partners as a 'Tree Knowledge Hub'. We also organised a talks programme in the Urban Forest and Biodiversity Pavilion. TDAG will have a stand at Futurebuild 7-9 March 2023 at ExCel – let Sue James know if you would like to be on the roster (sue.jamesriba@gmail.com).

Consultation responses

We responded to the Defra Consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain and the Call for Evidence by the House of Lords inquiry on land use. TDAG submissions can be seen on the [Resources](#) page.

Subsidence Guidance review

The Institution of Structural Engineers is updating its guidance on Subsidence of low-rise buildings last reviewed in 2020. Sue James (TDAG), Jim Smith (Forestry Commission), Margaret MacQueen (Property Risk Inspection Ltd), Sarah Dodd (TreeLaw) and Tim Farewell (Maplesky Ltd) undertook the review of Chapter 8 on trees. This update is due for publication in 2023.

Tree Species Selection for Green Infrastructure: A Guide for Specifiers

French and Dutch translations of the guide for our European partner, Bruxelles Environnement, have been progressed and will be published early 2023.

Technical drawings for trees and highways

This work is supported by DLUHC (formerly MHCLG). Led by Jim Smith at the Forestry Commission and working with Civic Engineers and a steering group, we are providing technical drawings for highway engineers on issues relating to highways and new developments and retrofitting trees, SuDS etc to accompany the update of *Manual for Streets*. This work is ongoing.

Developing the TDAG network

This is ongoing as it has been since the group's inception in 2007. We have over 1,200 names on our contacts list and are creating a number of academic and professional partnerships to increase inter-disciplinary collaboration in practice and also to encourage the dissemination of research into practice.

How does TDAG fund itself?

Our documents are financed by a number of sponsors who appreciate the attention to research and accuracy and the general quality and value of the information they provide. These sponsors are acknowledged with their logos on the documents that they support.

We have some generous donors who provide unrestricted core funding. They are represented on the home page of the TDAG website.

We have a number of reliable volunteers to ensure contribute their own time which is much appreciated.

Many people have signed up to be on the TDAG contacts list and if we all donated a small regular sum each month, say £2.50 or £5 per month, we should have sufficient funds to cover activities such as Futurebuild, consultation responses, some of our seminars and so maintain our independence and quality of output without always having to go cap in hand... which also takes time!

Core funders should contact Sue James (sue.jamesriba@gmail.com).

Individuals can support TDAG via [InvestMyCommunity](#) and ticking 'gift aid' currently increases individual's donations by about 20%.

So, in conclusion – many thanks to all who have supported and contributed to TDAG in every way in 2022 and we look forward to making more progress for urban trees in 2023!