



**The last few weeks have been very busy meeting some of our members and understanding what they require from CAB in their respective sectors of the industry. We are also delighted to announce that we have also welcomed on board four new members with Midori Aluminium, Mormet Aluminium, Sherwood Stainless and Aluminium and FUHR recently joining the ranks, writes CAB CEO Nigel Headford**



**Nigel Headford**

As an industry we have often lost focus on the fact that aluminium is utilised in nearly every aspect of buildings and not just in façades and roofing. As an association we have historically talked about the glazed element of the façade, however our membership covers the following wide-ranging aspects of our industry in both the residential and commercial marketplaces.

Included in our membership are representatives for: architectural metalwork, consultancies, extruders, fabricators, finishing, glazing, hardware manufacturers, installers, machinery, recyclers, repair & maintenance, roofing, solar shading, software providers, systems companies, testing and certification, thermal barriers and weatherproofing.

Recognising this cross section of product supply, CAB is looking at the value proposition for all the market sectors in the membership providing a more wide-ranging support network and to give each sector a meaningful voice in future legislation changes and requirements. We will be contacting all our members in the coming months to discuss some of the proposed changes that are relevant to each specific segment, challenging members to be a part of our evolution.

Over the coming months members will see increased activity in socials and trade press regarding CAB membership and the current industry issues, to facilitate joined-up messaging we are in the process of re-starting the marketing committee, ensuring that any topics our members want to address and push out to the market (not product related) can be backed up with a wider and independent voice demonstrating alignment within the membership.

The first focus for qtrs three and four will be a kick start to the closed loop recycling scheme. This is open to all members, and we feel that the benefits have not been extolled widely or indeed loud enough. Several members are benefiting from the scheme, and we will be sharing these success stories and demonstrating how as a member you can win more business, lower your carbon footprint and be confident that you are part of a wider sustainability programme.

Behind the scenes our technical team continues to offer webinars, monitoring standards whilst also looking at what

other courses and content can be offered. Members are encouraged to request topics that CAB can review, and find industry experts to offer webinars that offer insights to the challenges that we face in our industry.

The first quarter of CAB's *State of Trade Survey*, compiled in association with the CPA, continues to show that our members remain optimistic and continue to report steady demand. The overview is freely available on the CAB website with more detailed report being made available to our membership.

CAB is delighted to be sponsoring the Glass Conference which takes place at the Telford International Centre on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October, 2024. Organised by The Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF), FIT Show and FENSA, the conference is intended to be both an annual education event and networking platform for the glazing industry.

With the growing trends in home improvement promoting aluminium installations using slim, steel-look door and window systems, bespoke aluminium panel doors and outdoor applications that include freestanding 'winter gardens' and pergolas, the growth of aluminium is set to continue. At CAB we are keen to ensure the best possible interface between glass and aluminium in our future homes and a conference is an excellent way to educate and promote the very best that can be achieved.

The team at CAB recognise that this is your association for all things aluminium in building – We need your interaction as a member to ensure that we are providing the support required for the needs of all your businesses. □

The CAB closed loop recycling scheme is open to any CAB member to join and is just one of CAB's recent initiatives to support its members and the wider industry.

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