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Our work over the past year has been dominated by COP26.

The cross-chapter projects took an immense amount of time and energy, which we didn't convert into much public engagement. We still plan on setting up a climate awareness exhibition to utilize our coastal maps and artwork produced on the "coastal architecture" theme, but we need to improve our engagement with the chapter as well as the public. There are opportunities for practices to submit an A1 board of any projects where they want to highlight a particular aspect of sustainability. This is essentially free advertising for practices, as well as raising awareness of sustainability in design & construction, so please do get involved!

We are still looking to carry out some sustainable construction CPDs over the coming year, but we need to consider how this is best presented as there has been a noticeable drop in attendance to online CPDs. The recent Steico CPD on wood-fibre insulation was a very useful talk with made us question the types of insulation used, both in terms of climate conscious design, as well as fire safety. I hope we can share this recording widely within the Chapter, and we can begin to address common themes in upcoming talks.

I am also keen to organise a social event / roundtable discussion with those interested to discuss materials, methods of construction etc so that we can begin to share knowledge within the chapter.

Sincerely
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On behalf of the Sustainability Committee