Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 17th September 2020, 6.30 - 8.30 pm

ZOOM

6.15-6.30pm	Early login for those wanting to check their tech
6.30 - 6.45pm	Welcome activities -Meet others in small breakout groups -Introduce yourself to other attendees via Jamboard
6.45 - 7.20pm	1. Approval of 2019 minutes 2. Appointment of Directors (see Appendix below) 3. Approval of accounts, balance sheet and application of surplus 4. Appointment of auditor
7.20- 7.30pm	BREAK
7.30 – 7.55pm	5. Story of the last year 6. Summary of what's happened this week 7. Looking forward: CLH hub and involvement of members
7.55- 8.15	8. View from Brighton & Hove City Council
8.15-8.25pm	9. Our investment raise Practical advice/support on how to reach people
8.25 – 8.30pm	Farewell and closing comment

Appendix

Appointment of Directors

Jonny Anstead

My name is Jonny and I've been a board member of BHCLT for the last 3½ years.

My motivation for being involved with BHCLT is as a local resident of a city all my adult life. I've been lucky in being able to buy my home here – and I'm acutely conscious that many people of my age who live in Brighton & Hove haven't had that chance, and face daily challenges of affordability, insecurity of tenure and inadequate management of their homes.

In my day job – as founding director of a housing developer called TOWN – I've been privileged to work with communities in different towns and cities to plan and deliver new housing developments. Our development at Marmalade Lane has been a real insight into the value of working in collaboration with future residents in the planning of a neighbourhood. In nearly all the projects we work on, the active involvement of the local council has been critical – and so I'm really interested in how professionals, communities and the public sector can work together towards good outcomes. I think this sort of partnership working is as relevant to Brighton & Hove at the present time as it is to anywhere.

My role as a board member for the CLT has been really rewarding in many different ways: I've been able to bring some of my professional experience to what we do, but more importantly I've learnt a lot and made some firm friends. Recently, it's been a great experience to be part of the team working alongside Coldean Community Organisation to work up a deliverable proposal for a housing in that part of the city. I'm really excited about seeing that come to fruition.

Polly Eason

I discovered co-operatives 20 years ago and have never looked back – going on to establish a worker's co-op, land co-op and grass roots housing projects.

My experiences have shown me first-hand what the power of community can achieve and BHCLT has given me immense support and training in upping my game. It would be a pleasure to lend my knowledge and experience to other groups around the city that are working to create solutions for the future.

I work as a community-led housing enabler for the charity Action in Rural Sussex and am the project administrator for the Coldean Community Organisation. Although a potential conflict of interest, managing this mindfully whilst working closely with the other BHCLT directors has brought mutual broader prospective and deeper understanding without conflict to date.

Currently Brighton Council is working to map its 1300 plus acres of Downland that it manages on behalf of the people of Brighton through its Whole Estates Plan. Potentially,

when and where appropriate, community-led ecological restoration and regenerative agriculture projects could emerge to take on some sites, and the land trust could provide a voice and vehicle to the people of Brighton in this process. Although the land trust has become synonymous with housing due to our chronic local housing crisis and national funding that established the organisation as a housing hub, its founding aims do include "enabling stewardship of the land and other assets".

Brighton - with its land and well informed and motivated groups and individuals around the city raring to sort things out - could make a spectacular transition and respond proactively to our climate and ecological emergency. It would be a privilege to put my knowledge and experience into exploring this with the people of Brighton through the BHCLT.

Should I be voted in as a director of the land trust I would like to offer 4 hours a week to furthering this, or indeed any aspect of community-led solutions that I can.

Rita Garner

Skills and Experience

My professional experience is in leading and managing health and social care services. I have extensive experience in governance, people management, and financial management of health and social care services.
I work in leadership development with individuals and small groups using coaching and facilitation skills.
I work and volunteer on a community allotment co-hosting sessions. I have undertaken community organizing training and am keen to find ways to involve a wide range of people in our work.
I have been a Director of BHCLT for three years and secretary for over a year.

What elements of the CLT vision would I contribute to?

I would want to ensure we are a member-led organization. That we focus on achieving our ambitions and not distracted by the running of an organisation. I want to give energy to making Community-led Housing a real option for many more people in the city.

Time I am able to commit
Experience of the last 3 years has shown me that the time commitment varies over the months but I have been able to give between 2 and 6 days a month and would continue to do that.

Conflicts of Interest
I am member of the Labour Party and chair of Goldsmid and Hove Park branch. I am a committee member of Hove Station neighbourhood Forum.

Andrea Jones

I would like to become a part of BHCLT Board because I want to help create a fairer and greener housing choices in our city. I want to help find solutions for people in the city

who are not served well by the current private market in property and who have the energy to create alternative homes and ways of living.

My skills and experience are these:

- Involvement in self-build movement since 1990, as a builder/carpenter and project manager. Helped Bunker Housing Co-op in their first year to secure their first site for their self build project at Plumpton Road.

- Project Manager in health and social care, working on process change management, business planning and construction projects for 20 years from 1990s to 2015 www.goodhealthprojects.co.uk

- PhD in what makes it possible to live in intentional communities into later life - http://sro.sussex.ac.uk/66690/1/Jones%2C%20Andrea.pdf

- Accredited Community Led Housing Advisor (2019) - https://www.communityledhomes.org.uk/community-led-housing-advisers

- Helped write the business case for the creation of the Brighton & Hove Community Led Housing Programme in 2017 and the new Hub in 2019. I also worked as an enabler of CLH groups and the Programme/HUB co-ordinator from 2017 to early 2020, gaining loads of experience in understanding local groups' needs, desires, challenges and strengths and weaknesses

- Founder member of Sea City Housing Co-operative www.seacityco-op.org.

I can offer up to a half day a week to BHCLT Director work.

Ophelia Mancey

Hi, I am Ophelia Mancey, and I was put forward by SEASALT Housing Co-operative (the first student-led housing project aiming to set up Brighton's first co-operative) for this Director position! I currently study Anthropology at the University of Sussex, which has led me to fine-tune my point of view towards perceiving the world through a decolonised and humanistic lens. This lends me to view housing as a health, race, accessibility, and sustainability issue. I also come from a volunteering background – having experience in a museum, fashion magazine with Journalistic skills and a costume shop which has led me to have a real passion for grassroots community work. It has been so gratifying to me, and it has enriched my life in so many ways. With my voluntary work with SEASALT, we have been working closely with the BHCLT which has led me to develop connections and see the workings of the organisation, which I would love to expand my responsibilities to contribute in a meaningful way, as well as bridge the gap between the two organisations! As a student and young person, I think I could contribute to bringing this voice to the organisation, as well as ensuring to represent for student-led housing. I believe the future of the BHCLT resides with collaborating with other organisations and unions such as ACORN, and the recently set-up Sussex Renter's Union, to ensure that student housing is part of an ongoing conversation, as well as expanding our presence amongst students and Brighton as a whole. This would ensure the BHCLT is part of the ongoing conversation surrounding housing. With SEASALT we have done a lot ongoing work surrounding social media, web design and graphics, as well as fundraising and events planning (for example our interactive workshop

with the Covidarity Festival) to which I have gained valuable skills which I would love to bring forward to the organisation.

Diane Smith

I am interested to become a Director of BHCLT because I believe I have relevant experience, knowledge and commitment to make Brighton and Hove a more resilient and cohesive City for the existing population and the residents of the future.

I retired recently from the Town & Country Planning Association (which had its roots in the Garden City Movement), where I gained extensive experience of working with local authorities and communities across Europe to create neighbourhoods that reflected the needs of the community including housing, social cohesion, green infrastructure, energy, climate adaptation, transport, leisure, culture and employment. This holistic approach included topics such as land-value capture, stewardship, housing tenure and viability – all of which are key to the success of the CLT vision. I developed and led several EU Projects involving UK local authorities and fifteen EU countries on sustainable energy, green infrastructure, climate change and resilience. This included study visits to identify transferable good practices at the local level for implementation in the UK.

I am a Hove resident and since retirement and lockdown I have been following the local challenges of COVID and the conflicts that are arising in relation to behavioural change and modal shifts away from car dependency, coupled with the ongoing planning fiascos for new housing where social and affordable housing supply is negligible. We need to change more hearts and minds and I believe that CLT has much to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the City through not only the acquisition and stewardship of land but also by synergising with other grassroots organisations to create a truly leading-edge approach to how our City might look in the future.

I am retired with few time constraints and no conflicts of interest and hope that my role as a Vice-President of the TCPA will provide a valuable link to a wide network of knowledge and expertise on community land trusts across Europe.

Sara Winnington

Hello, my name is Sara Winnington and I am passionate about creating positive social change and enabling sustainable communities to flourish.

I have lived in Hove for over 14 years with my son Seth and partner Tim and we are co-founders of a Community Supported Agriculture project called Fork and Dig Itwhich has been running since 2007. The group provides weekly organic, Soil Association accredited veg bags to local families. My vision is to create a community led housing project with land to grow on.

As a marketing professional driven by sustainability values, I have over 15 years' experience within a variety of organisations including social enterprises, charitable, dance and theatre. I presently work in Group Marketing for a global infrastructure consultancy called Mott MacDonald where I develop partnerships and global marketing activities to increase the

internal and external profile for three global cross cutting initiatives - cities and climate resilience and sustainability.

Previously I have worked on fuel poverty projects across East Sussex and Surrey working with local authorities and Health Trusts, delivering training to frontline staff to help people keep their homes warm. This involved a significant amount of partnership working with a number of key agencies.

I can contribute to the following elements of the CLT vision: community engagement; project management; collaboration; communication and marketing; research and knowledge management and fundraising.

I can contribute 3 hours a week and see no conflicts of interest.