

Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust

Membership policy

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Brighton and Hove Community Land Trust is a Community Benefit Society, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority, to further, in a sustainable manner, the social, economic and/or environmental interests of people who live and/or work, in the Brighton and Hove area by:

- Acquiring, developing and stewarding land and other assets
- Promoting community-led initiatives, such as housing, community facilities, workspaces, renewable energy and sustainable land management projects

CLTs are non-profit, community-based organisations run by volunteers to address the needs of their local area. The key criteria for CLTs are defined by statute in Section 79 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 which states that:

- A CLT must be established as a not-for-profit organisation with a membership that is open to all who live and work in a community. The members must also own and control the organisation;
- A CLT must be established for the express purpose of furthering the social, economic and environmental interests of a local community;
- The land and property assets of a CLT must be used to provide a benefit to a local community and must be protected in the long-term by a legal asset-lock.

Brighton & Hove CLT adopts an approach that combines participatory community engagement and learning in action to create and sustain an enabling environment for community-led initiatives.

BHCLT has three classes of members as follows:

- Community: Anyone living or working in the Brighton and Hove area who wishes to support our aims or who wants to apply to live in our housing.
- Stakeholder: Other individuals or relevant organisations wishing to make a particular contribution to the CLT.
- Residents (not yet applicable).

Becoming a member

BHCLT welcomes applications from anyone over 18 who supports our work irrespective of gender, sexuality, disability, race or religion. An application should be made on the corresponding form, including contact details and indicating the motivation for membership, with justification for the class of membership being applied for. Successful applicants become members on the payment of a single one-pound share, and subscription fees agreed by the board.

Benefits of membership

- Receive regular newsletters

- Vote at the AGM and regular general meetings
- Can stand for election to the Board
- Vote in the election of Directors to the Board
- Get involved by volunteering to support the work of the CLT

Ceasing Membership

Members can terminate at any time by informing the Secretary.

Aims of BHCLT

To further, in a sustainable manner, the social, economic and/or environmental interests of people who live and/or work, or who want to live and/or work, in the Brighton and Hove area by some or all of the following means:

- i. by acquiring, holding, providing, leasing, developing and managing land and other assets in the area of benefit;
- ii. by promoting, supporting, developing and facilitating community-led land or other asset-based initiatives, resources and services (including but not limited to housing, community facilities, community businesses, renewable energy and sustainable land management projects); and
- iii. by carrying out any other activity that the directors consider would further the social, economic and environmental interests of the community in the area of benefit relating to the stewardship of land and other assets,

BHCLT shall ensure that any land or assets it owns are not sold or developed except in a manner which the Trust approves as being of benefit to the people who live and/or work in the area of benefit.