Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th September 2023, 6.30 - 8.30 pm

The Railway Club, 4 Belmont, Dyke Rd, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN1 3TF

Time	Activity
6.30-7.00	Registration and mingling
7.00-8.00	1. Approval of 2022 minutes 2. Appointment of Directors (see statements below) 3. Appointment of Treasurer 4. Approval of accounts 5. Disapply requirement for full audit and appointment of accounts 6. Review of BHCLT activities for year April 2022-March 2023 - Be a creative and productive freeholder through our partnership with SEASALT - Creating a more active and involved member network, through which learning and knowledge flows - Working with BHCC to create a more positive framework for CLH in the city - Ensuring BHCLT runs well as an organisation
8.00-8.20	Who Owns Brighton presentation
8.20-8.30	Farewell and closing comment.

Director statements

Anke Schwittay

I am a Professor of Anthropology and Global Development in the School of Global Studies at the University of Sussex. While conducting research for a book on more creative ways of teaching to better address global challenges, I learned about SEASALT and the incredible work of its student co-founders and the BHCLT to establish this student housing cooperative in Mouslecoombe. Since then, I have been researching and supporting student housing coops across the UK.

I would like to join the board of BHCLT because I believe that community-led housing holds much potential in the fight against the current housing crisis in Brighton and beyond. I hope to be able to support the work of the CLT though building stronger connections with the academic community to bring research insights and resources to the table. I would like to help establish a good working relationship with the new BHCC to put support for community-led housing firmly on their agenda and also help the CLT think through the possibilities of building on the success of SEASALT.

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.
- I 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 coordinator from 2017 to early 2020, gaining loads of experience in understanding local groups' needs, desires, challenges and strengths and weaknesses. I was an Accredited Community Led Housing Advisor during these years https://www.communityledhomes.org.uk/community-led-housing-advisers
- I did a 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
- I have a background in Project Manager in health and social care, working on construction projects, process change management, business planning for 20 years from 1990s to 2015

Georgina Baxter

I would like to apply to be part of the board of directors for the BHCLT because I'm genuinely passionate about making Brighton and Hove a sustainable and affordable place for all to live.

Although I'm originally from Norfolk, I've been a resident of Brighton since September 2020 and personally experienced as both a student and now as a young professional, the increasing challenges that arise with the current private rental sector. I want to help give residents of Brighton and Hove more viable housing alternatives, providing security and meeting the needs reflective of local

people. I'm very passionate about sustainability and I continuously look for new materials and methods that will help Brighton achieve its goals towards net zero targets.

I'm also a recent graduate of the University of Brighton, achieving my part 1 qualification in Architecture BA(Hons). Throughout my studies, my projects have been local to East Sussex and community focused. This led to me choosing a studio in my third year, which had a brief of creating housing in central Brighton. I chose to design a cohousing scheme, which was heavily influenced by my final-year research dissertation titled 'The Resurgence of Co-Housing and Community-Led Architectural Design', evaluating how it can be a solution to the UK housing crisis. This research introduced me to the vital work and the role of CLT's in the process of achieving genuinely affordable housing across the UK. This then led me to discover the great work BHCLT had already achieved, and I knew I wanted to be part of an organisation contributing to positive changes across the city.

For the past few months, I've been part of the working groups within BHCLT for fundraising and working closely with the student housing co-op SEASALT. I wish to be able to continue this work and support community groups across the city to deliver housing that has been designed to put residents' needs first.

I plan to continue my career in the housing sector and hope that the skills I learn within my architectural career will be helpful to the future progress of BHCLT.

Helen Bartlett

Most of you should know me already as I've been involved in the CLT since its inception: first as a member of the steering group that established the Community Led Housing Programme; as a previous director; as Investment Co-ordinator for our community share offer; and then as hub co-ordinator.

I come from a co-op background, I lived and was active in Two Piers for a number of years, before being one of a small group who set up Rosa Bridge where I currently live and am now a member of Bunker. I've worked a lot with co-op and other community led housing groups both locally and nationally, often with a focus on business planning and financial modelling.

I've stepped down from my role at the CLT within the light of current funding constraints and because I took up a role with the Confederation of Co-operative Housing, the national trade body for housing co-ops. I will still project manage the Who Owns Brighton project. I want to join the Board to continue to be involved in progressing the opportunities that we've shaped for community led housing in the city. I'm particularly interested in specific project development opportunities such as the work at Braypool Lane and in the work with Brighton and Hove City Council. If elected, I will also stand for Treasurer and feel I am well placed to carry out this role, having supported the Board treasurer with this function over the past three years.