

The Society for Reduction of Carbon Ltd (trading as Carbon Co-op)

Annual General Meeting 2020

AGM held Via Zoom

6.30pm

7-8pm: AGM

8pm-8.15pm BREAK

8.15-9.30pm: Discussion topic on zero carbon ready homes

Elected Chair: Matt Sanderson

Minutes: Polly Steiner

Papers and documentation: <https://carbon.coop/carbon-co-op-agm-2020/>

1. Present

Members present:

Alan Williams, Andy Barrow, Andy Shaw, Aneaka Kaur Kellay, Ann Kolodziejski, Ann Papageorgiou, Chris Jones, Chris McManus, Chris Waldon, Don Simpson, Eddie Sheehy, Gideon Martin, Greg Pike, Howard Gott, Ian Madley, Ivana Jakubkova, Jane Ward, Joe Carter, John Hall, John holland, John Roussel, Jonathan Atkinson, Julian Tomlin, Kit Hennings, Lloyd Hamilton, Lorenza Casini, Marion Lloyd-Jones, Mark Bramah, Matt Fawcett, Matt Sanderson, Mel Godfrey, Michael Hemingway, Mr Rishi Mehta, Paul Hadfield, Peter Livesey, Phoebe Spence, Rachel Hemingway, Rosemary Grant Muller, Sian Richards, Tom de Simone, Tom Shephard, Finn Jensen, Carla Smith

Non-members

Alan Barlow, Aldous, Andy Shaw, Ann Clark, Audrey Silver, Bob Barnes, Boycee, Brian Harper, Catriona Roussel, Chorlton Co-housing, Deborah Hind, Dianne Hubbard, Emily Norman, Iain Duncan, Jackie Dale, Joan, Joanne Harrison, John Lancaster, John Palmer, John Roussel, Jon Gething, Julia Szajdzicka, Kate Royston, Kit Knowles, Liam Schofield, Liliya Oblecova, Linda Bishop, Maggie Joan Haggas, Margaret Reynolds, Margherita Cesca, Mark Lobojoit, Mary Ann Hooper, Mary Begley, Nick P, Nicole Alto, Pamela Harling, Pete Wilkie, Peter Mulleady, Peter Owen, Rachel Hockey, Richard Lane, Rick Holland Innovate UK, Rishi Mehta, Rob Jones, Ross Weddle, Roy Macpepple, Rupa Shah Flynn, Sobia Mahmood (Transition Town Ilford, Redbridge East London), Sue Campagna, Susan Cooper Thomas, Tilo Guenther

Staff

Aneaka Kellay, Cathy Chapman, Laura Williams, Liam Schofield, Marion Lloyd-Jones

Apologies:

Carolyn Kagan, Dominic McCann

2. Minutes of last meeting

Vote to approve minutes:

25 votes in favour, 7 abstentions, minutes approved

3. Report on the year & Future Plan

Submitted by Jonathan Atkinson

Slido Question and Answer Session:

1. Is People Powered Retrofit Just for Greater Manchester?

No, just based around Manchester primarily. Greater Manchester based networks, and sphere of influence locally are part of why Carbon Co-op runs specific local services. PPR Sheffield, Cheshire, Greater Manchester clients.

Minded not to compete with other community energy groups.

2. How do you plan to support people applying for the Green Home Grant?

CC is working with the Government, and providing consultancy support. CC are also running a webinar on this Thursday 13th August, 6-7.30 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-guide-to-the-new-green-homes-grant-scheme-tickets-113503722690>

3. More Members- Is that Because of More Webinars?

Partly, but also Green Recovery and Climate Emergency movements and the urgency of these is spurring more people to join.

4. Change to End Policy

Proposed change to End.

Presented by Laura Williams.

Proposed New End

Sustainable energy systems are realised, owned and controlled in common, by locally rooted and representative institutions, organisations and citizens, maximising social value.

Existing end

E3: Local authority action in Greater Manchester is supported

Politicians and policy makers at the GMCA (Greater Manchester Combined Authority) possess practical examples and guidance, assisting them in rolling out fair and effective

carbon reduction measures, alone or in collaboration with Carbon Co-op, fulfilling their climate obligations to Greater Manchester citizens.

Rationale for change: existing end is too narrow in its scope and scale, there is a huge opportunity to work with local authorities and other institutions around democratising the energy system. In the past two years Carbon Co-op has developed significant expertise and experience in this area.

35 voted, 32 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions

Change in End adopted

5. Carbon Co-op Ethical Partnership Policy

Matt Fawcett: Presenting need for Policy

The Carbon Co-op is a community benefit society, driven by our members desire to make radical carbon emissions reductions and avoid run-away climate change. The vision and values of the organisation are best encapsulated in our [organisational 'Ends' policies](#), which seek to define a series of common goals for the organisation and provide a metric against which we measure our organisational success or failures.

The staff team reports on these Ends at each Carbon Co-op Management Committee Meeting and they are subject to periodic review at the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale for an Ethical Partnership Policy

The Carbon Co-op actively seeks opportunities to work together with external organisations in order to achieve shared objectives. However, there may be organisations which, while sharing one or more of our Ends, are perceived to undermine progress in another key area. Our business model is based on a vision of Carbon Co-op as 'independent' and 'trusted', acting in the best interests of the environment, our members and our wider community. Any perceived mismatch between Carbon Co-op activities and the aims we espouse in our Ends could be damaging in the following ways:

- They undermine our relationship with members and/or other existing partners/funders leading to a loss of said members and/or partnership expertise/funding.
- They damage our ability to recruit and retain staff members.
- They cause wider reputational damage and/or poor press, limiting our organisational influence and ability to affect change.

Vote to Adopt Ethical Partnership Policy:

35 voted, 33 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions

6. Presentation of accounts 2018/19

Presented by Peter Livesey

Votee to approve

34 voted, 26 in favour, 1 against, 8 abstentions

7. Appointment of Auditor Resolution:

“Proposal to dis-apply the requirement to appoint an auditor in line with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.”

Presented by Matt Sanderson

Votee to adopt resolution.

36 voted, 26 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions

8. Vote to Elect Carbon Co-op Board

Thanks to Alan Mould recorded for his Service to the Board

Thanks to Carla and Ivana recorded for observing

32 voted, 27 in favour, 0 against, 5 abstentions

Panel Presentation: How Do We Make Zero Carbon Homes?

Speakers: Marianne Heaslip, URBED, Julie Godefroy, Sustainability Consultant and CIBSE Technical Manager, John Palmer, Research and Policy Director, Passivhaus Trust and Lois Hurst of [Lune Retrofit](#)

Chair: Jonathan Atkinson