

Calder Valley Community Land Trust

Newsletter Feb 2017

Here's the latest news from the Community Land Trust, letting you know what is happening.

High Street Hebden Bridge: follow-up consultation

Following the public consultation on January 14th (see below), our architects have been working on much more detailed plans for the proposed High Street development in Hebden Bridge, taking into account the various ideas and concerns which were expressed then.

We are therefore holding a second, follow-up, consultation very shortly. This will be another chance to influence the shape of the development, before we get everything done and dusted and ready for the planning application. We will publicise the date as soon as it is confirmed.

In housing need? Looking for your first home?

The CLT is particularly interested in hearing the views of people aged 18-35, which is the principal target market for the High Street development. An informal session (with bar open!) will be held at Nido café/bar, Market St, Hebden Bridge on Thursday February 16th, 7.30pm.

Sustainability policy

You may remember that we ran an informal session before our AGM last Autumn, to invite thoughts on what should our approach to issues around sustainability, energy usage and environmental concerns in the properties we build. Following that workshop, the trustees have now drawn up a draft sustainability policy.

It includes the following policy statement: "CVCLT will actively strive to reduce its carbon footprint and improve the local environment for the long-term benefit of the communities it serves. Climate change, fuel poverty, public health, flood resilience and environmental stewardship are the main drivers behind this commitment."

The policy has three strategic aims and objectives: reducing our carbon footprint, using resources wisely and encouraging positive behaviour on sustainability issues.

This draft policy can be sent to you, on request (info@caldervalleyclt.org.uk). The final policy will be on our website in early March.

Reporting our January consultation

We had around fifty people present for the public consultation on the proposed High Street development on January 14th. Thank you if you were there – we hope you found it useful.

We have now produced a detailed report of the event, including (we hope!) all the detailed comments, issues and concerns which were expressed during the event. Whether you came along or not, we think you'll find this interesting. It's up on the website, at

<http://www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/docs/High%20Street%20consultation%20Jan%202017.pdf>.

Fielden Centre

We are pleased to say that we have heard that we have been awarded a flood resilience grant for the Fielden Centre (the community centre in Todmorden owned by the CLT and managed by the Fielden Centre Association, FCA). This will enable us to put in place measures to try to prevent the sort of flooding the centre suffered on Boxing Day 2015.

The FCA has decided that the centre will in future be known as the Fielden Hall, to better reflect its role. The building now has a wedding licence and has already hosted several weddings and receptions.

Trustee news

The trustees (elected by CLT members at the AGMs) continue to meet monthly. We also held a strategic planning 'awayday' early this month. Trustees are working very hard on progressing the High St and Walsden developments, and are also working

on a major funding bid. We have been able to participate in a recent conference in Leeds on community-led housing initiatives, and will shortly be visiting an innovative venture of this kind in Hull.

Find out more (and become a member!) at www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk