

Hebden Bridge – another step forward

We're very pleased to be able to report that we expect to put our planning application in for our proposed development at High Street, Hebden Bridge (near the Fox and Goose) by mid May. We are proposing a development of twenty homes, built to a high environmental standard, on land which once was packed with terraces and back-to-back houses.

We have changed the proposals significantly since our earlier proposals in 2018-2019, moving the buildings further away from Bridge Lanes and to an area where we know the air quality is safe. We hope very much that the town will welcome what will be an innovative green settlement of affordable housing fit for the rest of the century.

And what next?

It will take some weeks for Calderdale to 'validate' our planning application, after which there will be a period when the details are on the council's planning portal and everyone can formally comment on the scheme. We'll let you know when validation has happened.

Getting planning consent is just the next step for our plans, but it will enable us then to approach potential funders, as we try to put together the complete funding package.

See our plans for yourself

We have updated the plans in the light of feedback at the consultation we held at the end of last year (particularly in terms of materials, access path, layout for accessibility and additional surveys).

We will shortly be arranging an opportunity in HB for local people to see the plans. Or you can go immediately to our updated High Street webpage on our website, <https://caldervalleyclt.org.uk/hebden-bridge-2022/>.

Important advert!

VACANCY: CHARITY TRUSTEE(S)

Calder Valley Community Land Trust is looking to strengthen our Board, by bringing in up to two new members. We are particularly looking for:

Someone who has a good understanding of corporate/co-operative governance in the voluntary sector and who would consider taking on the important post of Society Secretary working with our full time Executive Manager.

Someone who has professional experience in journalism, PR or marketing

However please feel free to put in an application if you have other skills and experience.

We are looking also to increase the diversity of our Board and there will be an induction process to help new Board members get up to speed. Board meetings are normally attended in person at Hebden Bridge Town Hall which is well adapted for disabled users. When needed (e.g. during Covid restrictions) or when it is more convenient, the Board meets via the internet. We already use MS Teams, Outlook etc. for remote collaborative working. We will pay reasonable childcare costs and other reasonable expenses you incur as a Board member. **We are committed to equal opportunities in all our activities.**

All the details of how to make an application are available at www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/trustees2022

If you would like to talk informally to our Chair Simon Brearley about what is involved as a trustee, please email him on simon.brearley@caldervalleyclt.org.uk or phone 07817 259626.

Closing date – end of May. This is an unpaid post.

Our AGM

Our Annual General Meeting of members is an important feature of our democracy, and is the occasion for the CLT's members to hear from the trustees what is going on, and to hold them to account.

The AGM will be on Saturday June 18th, at 11am in the Fielden Hall, Todmorden. More details shortly, but please keep the date.

Network Rail signals action on the signal box

A useful Teams meeting, in the words of Network Rail to 'get the signal box transfer to the CLT over the line' took place last week. At last we feel things are moving forward. We have the grant funding to make this project happen, and just need the legal formalities to be completed.

Housing – It's an Issue!

Some CLT members and supporters will remember the set of five public meetings we organised in 2018, under the generic theme 'Housing – It's an Issue!'

We've decided to repeat the idea, and are currently organising what we intend to be three public meetings for the Autumn. Our September meeting, provisionally Monday Sep 12th in the Waterfront Hall, Hebden Bridge, is on the theme *Decent housing in older age*. We've already got what we think is an excellent set of speakers lined up. All the details shortly.

Calder Valley CLT in Europe!

We're honoured to have been chosen by the National CLT Network to take part in a European-wide research project looking at the ways that CLTs can best handle their governance and their relationships with their tenants. The project is being organised by the European CLT network based in Brussels.

Our trustee John Berry is representing CVCLT in the (virtual) meetings, and recently attended the first project team meeting. We'll keep you posted,

And in Kent...

Our treasurer Karin Lawson was asked to present to a group of embryonic CLTs in Kent last week, at an event organised by Dover council. Karin shared the story of how we have developed since 2014, and also how we have successfully used community share issues to raise investment capital for our developments.

New 2022-2023 Review just published

We try to bring out a 'Review' every couple of years, a well-produced little booklet, in order for us to share as widely as possible what we've been doing and what we're planning. The 2022-2023 Review is just out. Look out for copies locally or see the PDF at https://caldervalleyclt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CVLT_Annual_Review_2022-23.pdf

Contacting us

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