

CVCLT news June 2022

## All set for our AGM

As we hope you're well aware, our 2022 AGM will take place this coming Saturday (18<sup>th</sup>) at 11am in the Fielden Hall, near the swimming pool in Todmorden.

All of our 250+ CVCLT members should already have received the agenda and invitation, but we'll also welcome non-members who support our work too. All the details are at [www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/agm2022/](http://www.caldervalleyclt.org.uk/agm2022/). This is where you'll find the link to the Eventbrite booking form, too. Do come!

And come early. We'll be serving tea and coffee in the Fielden Hall from 10.30am.

## CVCLT Review published

We mentioned briefly last month that we have produced a new edition of our CVCLT Review, a twelve-page booklet which is designed to reach a wide audience and explain why we think a democratic community-led housing trust has a significant role to play in our part of Calderdale. Copies will be available at our AGM. If you know someone you think would like a copy, please let our Executive Manager Paul know on [manager@caldervalleyclt.org.uk](mailto:manager@caldervalleyclt.org.uk).

## Trustee news

Four people are standing for election to the board of trustees this AGM. Richard Henderson, John Berry and Melvin Coleman are current trustees whose term of office comes to an end, who are standing for re-election. Kala Wild, who was obliged to step down a year ago from our board for family reasons, is now in a position to return to the board and is also putting her name forward. All four candidates' election statements are on the AGM page on the website. (Andrew Bibby is also stepping down at this AGM but not standing for re-election).

If you've thought about offering to become a CVCLT trustee but haven't got round to talking to us yet, drop our chair Simon Brearley an email on [simon.brearley@caldervalleyclt.org.uk](mailto:simon.brearley@caldervalleyclt.org.uk).

## Hebden Bridge update

We still expect to be in a position to put in for planning consent for our revised Hebden Bridge development very shortly. It's taken a few weeks more than we had hoped to get everything ready.

In the meantime, please have a look at the [Hebden Bridge](#) section on our website. We've recently lots more details there of what we're proposing.

## Todmorden Town Deal

We are working with a specialist architect to bring 21<sup>st</sup> century energy efficiencies to Fielden Hall in Todmorden. As well as benefitting the tenants and users of the hall we aim to share what we learn with custodians of other listed buildings.

We are working hard to complete a business case for an exciting new enterprise centre in Todmorden. If the business case is successful it will secure £3m to deliver the project. We have negotiated the inclusion of new much needed affordable rented homes into the project. Once the funding is secured there will be plenty of consultation with the community on all aspects of the project.

## **Sep 12<sup>th</sup> – save the date!**

We are planning a series of public meetings this Autumn, under the generic theme *Housing – It's an Issue!*

The first meeting is now confirmed for Monday Sep 12<sup>th</sup> in the Waterfront Hall, Hebden Bridge Town Hall, when the theme will be *Decent housing in older age*.

We have three excellent speakers lined up: Jenny Parnell, from University College London who has been working recently on a forward-looking strategy for the Almshouse movement, Tina Wathern from Stonewall Housing who has worked with older LGBTQ+ groups on developing appropriate housing solutions for their needs, and Maria Brenton who was instrumental in the pioneering Older Women's Cohousing (now New Ground Cohousing) in north London, a long project which finally made it to fruition (and was featured on BBC News!).

Later in the Autumn we hope to have a session on retrofitting our nineteenth and twentieth century homes fit for the challenges of a carbon-free future, and (by request from one of our members) another meeting looking at whether AirBnB is getting out of control in the valley and affecting the stock of housing.

## **Membership is growing**

The 'become a member' link at the top of this newsletter, the QR code below and the online membership form on our website (both recently set up by our Exec Manager Paul), have helped bring in new membership applications recently. Thank you if you are one of our new members!

