

Thursday 1st July 2021, 5.15 to 5.55pm
VENUE: Zoom

Minutes

<u>Attendees</u>	(√ is lead rep of the member group with voting powers)
Alan Jones	SE24 √
Jamie Baxter	CREW Energy
Pamela Harling	Wolves Lane √
Sydney Charles	Highgate Society Sustainable Living √
Syed Ahmed	Energy for London √
Tanuja Pandit	PUNL
Victoria Ward	Aldgate Solar Power
Toby Costin	CREW Energy
Vicky Phillips	Habitats and Heritage √
Dave Fuller	Lambeth Community Solar √
Andy Rolfe	Schools Energy Coop √
Nadia Smith	SELCE
Alex Hartley	SELCE √
Giovanna Speciale	SELCE

Guests

Maddy Hogeson?	Fuel Poverty Action
Duncan Law	Transition Brixton
Derek Velloso	Islington Sea Cadets
Nigel Watts	CEL's Accountant
Glyn Thomas	Barnet Co-op Party

1. Welcome from the Chair, Syed Ahmed

2. Meeting attendance

Apologies for absence: none received

Quorate count: There were 8 lead reps of the 29 CE member groups present (√). The threshold to be quorate is 3, so the AGM was declared quorate.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 AGM.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EMpExX0fKiAhxhtd0AtWRMDYcQDcOzYw/view?usp=sharing>.

Approval of the 2020 minutes was proposed by Chair, Syed Ahmed and seconded by Secretary, Sydney Charles. Motion passed with no objections.

4 Review of 2020.

Chair, Syed Ahmed talked through the CEL achievements during 2020. Highlights included:

- Changed working practices due to the pandemic, such as remote meetings
- community energy groups reprioritised their work to turn and help families unable to pay their energy bills.
- Over 2020 Community Energy London (CEL) observed increases in demand for information on community energy, from individuals, groups and Local Authorities
- Secured a 4th round of funding for community energy groups from Mayor and Greater London Authority - the London Community Energy Fund (LCEF4) for feasibility funding for projects and also capital funding for projects.
- Produced a guide “Setting up a Local Authority Community Energy Fund” for Local Authority Officers
- Secured funding in October 2020 from the Microgeneration Scheme Charitable Foundation (MCS CF) for work with local authorities
- Secured funding in November 2020 from the (GLA) London Recovery Board for CEL member groups for ‘Accelerating the Deployment of Community Energy
- Held major events during London Climate Action Week and Community Energy Fortnight.

5 Financial Matters

Note: The financial resolutions were voted on by the member group lead representatives online in advance.

5.1 Adoption of Accounts

The Treasurer Tanuja Pandit presented the 2020 CEL accounts. The Secretary, Sydney Charles will submit these to the FCA during July, as required. The accounts are posted with CEL Formal Documents.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SUXAu3yac-cOIKDDfP5qdl1iSJ2mrbl8/view?usp=sharing>

Resolution 1: Do you agree to the adoption of the Accounts?

Formally moved by Chair, Syed Ahmed. Proposed by Pamela Harling, seconded by Dave Fuller. The motion was passed with 7 for, 0 against. Motion passed.

5.2 Appointment of Accountant

The Board recommended the reappointment of Nigel Watts as the CEL qualified accountant to produce Accounts in accordance with 7.4 of the [Guidance on the FCA’s registration function under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014](#).

Resolution 2: Do you agree to the Appointment of the Accountant, Nigel Watts?

Formally moved by Chair, Syed Ahmed, seconded by Andy Rolfs. The motion was passed with 7 for, 0 against. Motion passed.

Chair, Syed Ahmed thanked Nigel Watts profusely for helping CEL by continuing to produce the accounts and resolve financial issues.

5.3 Disapplication according to Section 83 of the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014

The Board recommended the meeting resolved to disapply section 83 of the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014 (this is the duty to appoint auditors) in respect of the year of 2020-21.

“Section 83 can be disapplied, in accordance with [section 84](#) where 84 “(2)The resolution must be passed at a general meeting at which—

(a) less than 20% of the total votes cast are cast against the resolution, and

(b) less than 10% of the society's members for the time being entitled under its rules to vote cast their votes against the resolution.

Resolution 3: Do you agree to the Disapplication according to Section 83 of the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014?

Formally moved by Treasurer, Tanuja Pandit, proposed by Giovanna Speciale, seconded by Alan Jones. The motion was passed with 7 for, 0 against. Motion passed.

6. Election of Directors

In accordance with CEL's rules, registered as 8011 under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Society, (para 56) half of CEL's directors must stand down at each AGM, and are entitled to stand again. Details of candidates were at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TxI2a-M28L-9eUU3dlBp9-fC8_FVT-da/view?usp=sharing The board consists of 7 directors, and because there were 7 directors from new candidates (1) and those remaining in position (6) the pre-meeting vote was not needed.

Director standing down: Giovanna Speciale

Directors standing down and restanding: Sydney Charles, Jamie Baxter, Victoria Ward

Directors remaining in post: Syed Ahmed, Hannah Short, Tanuja Pandit,

New Director standing: Nadia Smith

Resolution 4: Do you agree to the election of the following CEL Directors? The motion was passed with 7 for, 0 against. Motion passed.

The Chair, Syed Ahmed thanked the retiring director, Giovanna for all the work and assistance she had given whilst serving on the Board.

7. Closed at 5.45, prior to the Monthly meeting

Appendix.

Community Energy London AGM 25th June 2020 results of member online votes

	Yes	No	Majority
Resolution 1: Do you agree to the adoption of the Accounts?	7	0	7
Resolution 2: Do you agree to the Appointment of the Accountant, Nigel Watts?	7	0	7
Resolution 3: Do you agree to the Disapplication according to Section 83 of the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014?	7	0	7

Resolution 4: Do you agree to the election of the following CEL Directors? Sydney Charles, Victoria Ward, Jamie Baxter and Nadia Smith	7	0	7
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