

Bristol Energy Cooperative AGM 2017

Nominations for Director – Candidate Statements

Gareth Hoskins

In 2011 I founded Brendon Energy Cooperative in West Somerset and remained as its chair until standing down in 2016. It built up a portfolio of community building solar roofs in the same manner as Bristol Energy Coop. On moving to Bristol I was appointed a director of BEC in 2014 and would like to be re-elected in 2017. I serve on the main board and the finance committee.

Nominated by: Peter Thompson

Seconded by: Andy O'Brien

Andrew Lee

Andrew is one of the founder directors of Bristol Energy Cooperative and is truly inspired by the progress it has made in the past year.

Andrew brings to the table a mix of talents from his technical architectural background including facets of the planning and building regulation process, and the analytical skills required as a computer programmer. He also knows his ways around a financial spreadsheet and is accustomed to running voluntary organisations through years of service as both Treasurer and Chair of various brass bands (a role which continues to this day).

He sees the future full of promise for the Coop, and although the current progress is impressive he believes that the Coop needs to further expand so that even more clean energy and support can be conveyed to the communities it serves.

Andrew has recently taken up the mantle of heading the HR team, taking the lead in the important task of taking care of our most important commodity – our paid staff. He has been instrumental in setting up systems for their pay and setting up the Coop's pension scheme from the beginning of this year.

As previously mentioned, Andrew comes to the Coop with a background in the building industry, currently working in architecture on the design of both domestic and commercial projects at NOMA Architects in the heart of Bristol. Although drawings and specifications are his core tasks, he has also qualified as a SAP (energy) assessor and Code for Sustainable Homes assessor whilst there.

Andrew also worked as a computer programmer for a few years in the early 2000's following the completion of a part-time honours degree with the Open University whilst simultaneously looking after his pre-school daughters!

Socially Andrew's first love is music. He plays cornet in two brass bands, Portishead Town Band (where he is the treasurer and a trustee) and Filton Concert Brass (a contesting band who are doing rather well nationally at the moment, and with whom he will be performing at the Albert Hall this autumn competing against the infamous Black Dyke, Brighous and Cory bands).

Not satisfied by this, Andrew also leads the Music Group at his local church in Redfield, Bristol where he also sings in the choir.

Andrew would dearly love to be voted back onto the board of Bristol Energy Coop in such an interesting time for the Cooperative and he is excited by all the developments happening (and opportunities they introduce) within the renewables industry.

Nominated by: Chris Speller

Seconded by: Andy O'Brien