**ABE Community Land Trust update July 2019**

**Housing Needs Survey**

The headline results from the Survey should be available in time for the AGM. Thank you to everyone who completed it and thanks especially to Hannah Wales, of Fandango marketing, and our Vice Chairman Emma Pinder for leading on the publicity.

**First AGM**

The first CLT AGM will be held on Monday 9th September at 6.45pm at Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre. This will be a short meeting so do come and hear what the Board has achieved in its first 6 months, elect the Board for the next year and receive the accounts.

**Affordable Housing for Local People**

We hope to be able to report progress on delivery of our first housing scheme, which looks likely to be at the Wings Nursery site in Aldingbourne, as this has now been brought forward through the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan (ANP). The site owners and developers offered the CLT first refusal on some of the 18 affordable homes which have to be provided there, so that these can be retained in perpetuity for people living and/or working in the parish, as part of the negotiations for the site to be included in the ANP review. Other sites are also under discussion.

**Membership**

Membership will enable you to keep in touch as housing schemes develop. It costs as little as £1. Further donations are very welcome from those who can afford more because the CLT will need funds for professional support as we work with partner housing associations to bring affordable housing for local people to fruition. The form was sent with the survey and is also available on our website. Please return to the Treasurer c/o Aldingbourne Trust, Blackmill Lane, Norton, Aldingbourne, Chichester PO18 0JP.

**Board members**

We will be welcoming two new Board members in September and are pleased to report that several volunteers from Barnham and Eastergate have also expressed interest. We invite people to attend a few meetings first before making a commitment. The Board is assisted by Graham Maunders, Community Led Housing Advisor at Action in rural Sussex, an independent charity supporting communities in East and West Sussex.

Contact the CLT via aldingbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com or infoabeclt@gmail.com or Chairman Louise Beaton on 01243 543475 if you would like further information.

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