



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Brixton Energy Solar 2

Online meeting held between 7pm-8pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Attendees

Agamemnon Otero *Director*  
Anne Charmian Kenner  
Edward Gordon  
Faye Gordon  
Andre Pinho *Secretary*  
Althea Gordon  
Taylor Roark *Director*  
Andy Maybury  
Fiona Glanville  
Rosemary Glanville  
Becky Payne *Director*  
Jesse Scharf

### Observers

Afsheen Rashid  
Eva Goudouneix *Minutes*

### Apologies

Chris James  
Will Walker

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Becky welcomed everyone to this Annual General Meeting, and everyone introduced themselves.

### **2. Community Fund discussion (with BES1)**

Following the 2018 AGM held in July 2019, the BES1 and BES2 Directors have developed a process to distribute the Community Fund. As both co-ops have their panels installed on the Loughborough Estate, they have been coordinating their efforts. The Funds have been structured in **two pots** and individuals and groups can apply by filling an Expression of Interest (EOI) form. A **funding panel** will go through the EOIs, and any member of BES1 or 2 is welcomed to join this panel.

Pot 1 is for projects and groups that engage residents of the Loughborough Estate and the immediate area around climate change, energy efficiency, sustainability, or fuel poverty. Pot 2 is for projects that are not related to these topics but would benefit residents of the Loughborough Estate and the immediate area.

So far, we have received the following EOIs:

#### **Pot 1**

- Somebody in the area who wants to do set up a solar thermal project
- Loughborough Junction Action Group – to do some work with the farm gardens, food growing, and distribute tomato plants to people in the area
- Repowering – to support their Energy Champions and write off energy debt

#### **Pot 2**

- We have allocated £500 to Brixton Soup Kitchen and £500 to the Loughborough Community Centre Happy Lunch and Play project. The donations were very gratefully received.
- We have also given £500 to Community Clear Web, organisation providing IT support for people who have IT issues.
- We have also allocated £500 to the Loughborough Action Group, part of which went to the Platform cafe.

### Discussion

- Andy is enthusiastic about the solar thermal idea and encourages the panel to look into the project more. Jesse said they will take the conversation further.
- Gordon explained that community groups can lack time to apply for funding – the Funds could allocate a budget for community groups to do that.

**Action 1:** Jesse suggested to have a conversation about this once the 2020 Funding round is allocated.

### 3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 between 7-8pm

We have done all the actions from BES2.

Gordon asked about the capital repayment section to Andre – consistency about capital repayments in BES1 and BES2.

**Action 2:** everyone approved the minutes of the last meeting.

### 4. Directors' Report

The report shows that:

- BES2 generated over 38,000 kWh in 2019 (slightly less than in 2018), and saved 17 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>
- BES2 has received a slightly higher amount of income than in 2018 (£7,581)
- After meeting operating and administrative costs, a surplus of £4,045 was generated for the year
- £1,896 of this surplus is retained as profit for the year so that the co-op can continue to build up a cushion of reserves for the future

Becky also mentioned a project happening right next to Style Gardens - the development of micro AD and Solar PV at LJ Works. As the first phase of construction at 'LJ Works' is complete, Repowering are now working with Lambeth Council and the interim site operator to secure agreement for installation of 25kW of solar PV on the roof of the main building. Repowering are also continuing to work on the development of a Micro Anaerobic Digestion (AD) system at LJ Works, which will enable local food waste collection and provide an additional source of low carbon heat as well as sustainable fertiliser which can support the growing activities on the farm. This is a trial project to test the feasibility of this technology in urban areas. The planning application will be submitted this summer, and further community consultation will begin at the start of July.

### 5. Financial Accounts

Afsheen presented the accounts and explained that:

- In the future we will need to add more provisions for the inverters
- BES2 has built a healthy reserve for future purposes
- The high *Debtor* figure is due to the fact that the meter readings were submitted at the end of the year
- Clarification: There is a difference between the balance sheet and the cash flow figures. In the balance sheet we set aside money every year to repay share capital in case of withdrawals. The cash flow includes the repayments made.

**Action 3:** Becky suggested that another note is added to the BES2 accounts to make this clearer (BES2 has had share withdrawals, whereas BES1 has not had as many withdrawals). Agamemnon suggested to add CEEF and clarification on the accounts.

**Action 4:** Rosemary suggested to talk about the AD project in the next newsletter.

**Action 5:** Taylor proposed to approve the Directors' report and the accounts and Charmian approved. All attendees agreed.

## **6. Appointment of Auditor**

**Action 6:** Andy proposed not to appoint an external auditor and Charmian seconded.

## **7. Election of directors**

Becky thanked Taylor for all the work done on BES2 as he is standing down. Candidates standing up for elections are Agamemnon and Edward.

**Action 7:** Taylor proposed to nominate Aga and Charmian seconded. All attendees agreed.

**Action 8:** Taylor proposed to nominate Gordon and Aga seconded. All attendees agreed.

## **8. Motion**

Gordon presented his motion.

### **Motion proposed - For Directors to describe a discrete geographic focus area of benefit for the CEEF.**

Members to note

- At the last AGM, Members and Directors agreed the principles for the use of the Community Fund. This includes a focus on projects and activities that address climate change, prioritises youth training and delivers reduction in carbon emissions.
- It was also agreed that 50% of the funds should be spent on energy related projects and the remaining 50% on community projects.
- However, there is no clear definition or agreement on the beneficiaries of the Community Fund. The current definition seems subject to quite fluid interpretation. It would be helpful if it were more definitive so that as the fund becomes more popular there is a clear line that can be used to manage oversubscription and expectation.

Members to resolve

- The Directors describe a discrete geographic focus area of benefit for the CEEF outside of the AGM.

**Action 9:** Gordon proposed the motion and Charmian seconded. All attendees agreed.

## **9. AOB**

Afsheen said that everyone in the local area was welcome to stand up as Directors (they have to be investors in the project).