

## CEE AGM 2019– Director Appointments

### Election

Under the Bye Laws of the Association, CEE may have up to 10 Elected Directors, of which:

- No less than five shall be duly authorised representatives of Community Members
- No less than one director shall be a duly authorised representative of Corporate Members and one representative of Public Members in accordance with the Bye Laws and Articles
- The remainder may be from any class of member.

CEE's rules state that any Director who has served more than thirty-three months since being elected shall retire by rotation. Peter Capener, Bath and West Community Energy and Kathy Smyth, Sharenergy, are stepping down as Directors by rotation, with Peter Capener re-standing for election. We would like to thank Kathy for her hard work and dedication to CEE throughout her appointment. Mark Kenber is stepping down as a representative of Mongoose Energy and is re-standing as a representative of Brighton and Hove Energy Services Cooperative.

The Directors who remain on the Board are:

- Afsheen Rashid MBE, Repowering London (Community; Chairperson)
- Mark Billsborough, Co-Op Energy (Corporate)
- Rachel Hayes BEM, Regen (Public)
- Ollie Pendered, Community Energy South (Community)
- Deborah Trebilco, Community Hydro Forum (Community).

### Candidates

The following list of candidates comprises:

- Three nominees from Community Sector Members
- One nominee from a Corporate Sector Member.


The candidate was asked to outline their aspirations for CEE, the Board and their contribution.



### Voting

Members attending the AGM will be given their voting form at the beginning of the meeting. Members unable to attend the AGM in person may appoint another member as their Proxy, who will attend the meeting to vote on their behalf. Any member organisation not able to attend and who is not able or willing to vote via Proxy may vote using this [survey](#) up to 5pm on 21 June 2019 (this deadline allows us to collate responses prior to the AGM).

The number of proposed directors does not exceed the maximum number permitted by CEE's rules, so there will not be a competitive ballot. Members are asked to vote for or against candidates or may abstain from voting for a candidate.

## Candidate profile

Name: <b>Peter Capener</b>	Community energy has grown significantly over the last 4 or 5 years with many success stories across the UK. At BWCE we now own multiple roof and ground mounted community solar PV schemes, but in reality we are still only scratching the surface.
Member: Bath and West Community Energy	
Membership class: Community	
	<p>I want to learn from and contribute to the exciting innovation I see being driven through by many in the community energy sector. But as the immediate policy landscape at Westminster becomes more challenging, CEE is needed now more than ever to help create the environment within which we can learn, innovate, influence and grow stronger together.</p> <p>I can offer 30 years of experience of working on renewable energy, energy efficiency and fuel poverty with a strong focus on community energy. This time includes experience at senior management and board level for national and regional NGOs as well as delivering practical projects and programmes and helping develop BWCE.</p> <p>I can bring knowledge and understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing community energy, experience of developing successful cross sector partnerships, and policy and community business sector links as chair of the ministerial community energy contact group and a trustee of Power to Change.</p> <p>I was delighted that BWCE was a founder member of CEE and I was able to help in a short stint as CEE's first chair. I'd be honoured if members felt that I could continue to play a useful role in CEE's development going forward.</p>
Name: <b>Mark Kenber</b>	2018's IPCC report on a world with 1.5 degrees of warming showed that the rapid transition to a zero-carbon energy economy is more urgent than ever. While renewables have already reached a tipping point in terms of cost competitiveness, as with previous energy system transformations, this is largely happening on an industrial scale without the participation of communities and people.
Member: Brighton and Hove Energy Services Cooperative	
Membership class: Community	

	<p>distributed energy dependent on the participation of households, neighbourhoods and communities.</p> <p>Moreover, as more and more of our economy becomes electrified, even with a massive increase in renewables, we will need a radical improvement in energy efficiency, particular in the household and small business sectors. To date, despite the obvious benefits in terms of addressing energy poverty, inequality and local pollution, the government and large utilities have spectacularly failed to meet this challenge.</p> <p>Community energy has a central role to play in all of this and, through CEE, we can demonstrate to the government, regulators and energy industry that we are far more than a “nice-to-have” but instead have an integral role to play in ensuring the success of the energy transition, as well as the broader goal of engaging the population in the shift to a more sustainable zero-carbon lifestyle.</p> <p>I would be honoured to continue as Director of Community Energy England and help both the organisation and the wider community energy sector achieve its full potential. As a former CEO of Mongoose Energy, I have a good understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the sector and, as a Director of Brighton and Hove Energy Services Coop (BHESCo), a particular focus on how community energy organisations can drive a step change in energy efficiency.</p> <p>I believe I bring strong experience of leadership, policy advocacy, communications and understanding of the community energy sector and so can provide support to Emma and the rest of the Executive team and contribute to helping community energy take its rightful place at the heart of the clean energy revolution.</p>
<p>Name: <b>Mark Luntley</b></p>	<p>I am standing because preventing irreversible climate change is the challenge of our age. Energy systems are changing fast and citizens must be at the heart of this.</p>
<p>Member: Energy4All</p>	<p>I am a qualified accountant with senior management experience. I have an enthusiastic and open style and I help people collaborate towards shared goals.</p>
<p>Membership class: Community</p>	<p>I balance this with strong financial and governance skills, and I bring experience in national and international policy development.</p>
	<p>I have been working with social businesses for over 12 years. I helped launch the Westmill Wind and Solar Cooperatives and as a Director my focus has been engaging with our 4,000+ members. In 2007 I helped create and grow the Oxfordshire Credit Union which I chaired for a decade. In 2013 I joined the Energy4All board and we have created a network of 25 lively, community projects across the UK. I am a Director of REScoop – the European Federation of Renewable Energy Cooperatives and I am a non-Executive Director of the Ethical Property Company. Finally, I’m a trustee of Sustainable Charlbury – my local transition community.</p> <p>If elected I will support CEE to deliver its mission of putting communities at the heart of the UK energy system.</p>

Name: <b>Helen Seagrave</b>	<p>It feels like we’re at a tipping point for action on climate change and the pace of change is just about to accelerate. It is therefore an exciting time to be involved in community energy which is ideally placed to be at the heart of this change. Community Energy England’s role to promote the benefits of community energy and work to develop a policy environment that will enable community energy to thrive is therefore as important as ever</p> <p>I would like to use my perspective from working inside the electricity industry at Electricity North West, a distribution system operator, to contribute to the development of CEE. My focus at Electricity North West is to develop and deliver our strategy to support community and local energy in our licence area which have given me insights to what the sector needs and how a DNO and other actors can respond.</p>
Member: Electricity North West	
Membership class: Corporate	
