



## Autumn 2019 Newsletter

### Design Workshops



In preparation for submitting final planning permission, our architects, Ecoarc, organised 3 design workshops for more detailed work. September 12<sup>th</sup> looked at the one bedroom flats. September 26<sup>th</sup> worked on developing the communal areas. October 3<sup>rd</sup> will focus on the two bedroom flats and houses. 2-8PM Halton Mill.



## **Town and Gown Event**

Lancaster University and Lancaster City Council hosted their annual event September 19th with the theme of Housing for Older People. Several of our members went along to hear the speakers and Janet presented our project in a short presentation.

## **Option Signed**

We have our deposit for the land ready and hope to sign the option agreement soon. Here we are raising a glass to celebrate.



## **Further Funding**

Lancaster City Council agreed to release the remaining Community Led Housing grant money to support our expenses up to filing for final planning permission. We are grateful for this generous assistance. The Lancaster Guardian published a short blurb to this effect.

## **Travel Plan Survey**

We have sent out a travel plan survey to all friends of Halton Senior Cohousing to support our scheme of limiting parking spaces and

developing a car share scheme for the project. There is still time to submit this. It would be appreciated.

### **Housing Needs Survey**

The Community Land Trust conducted a housing need survey over the summer. One of the questions was “Would you be interested in cohousing?” We are looking forward to the outcomes of the survey.

### **Autumn in the Air**

As the nights draw in, rain showers water the earth, and the sun valiantly shines from time to time, letting us enjoy these last warm moments. Leaves are just beginning to put on their golden finery. Will this be our last cold, damp winter as we look forward to moving into Senior Cohousing before Christmas 2020.

### **For those who are new to our newsletter:**

#### **Climate Emergency and Halton Senior Cohousing**

A short article was posted in the National Cohousing Network September newsletter and to our Friends list asking the question “What does Climate Emergency have to do with Halton Senior Cohousing?” We shared our plans to be Passivhaus, to link with the local hydro project for electricity, and to develop a car share scheme as our first steps to be more environmentally friendly. We have since welcomed several new enquiries from like-minded people.