

Halton Senior Co-housing Project



Halton Senior Cohousing Newsletter Summer 2020

ZOOM

Like people all over the world, we have now added this word to our everyday language. Monthly meetings face to face via a computer screen are becoming the new norm for us. We recently held a Q&A session for our new members, seeing what they looked like for the first time. Glad to welcome them into our project and put them to work. Following in the footsteps of Lancaster Cohousing, we are hoping to develop Service Teams. Members will volunteer for a team they feel drawn to and begin to work out their role in the future running of the cohousing.



General Q&A Event

We are hosting another Q&A session for anyone interested in joining or finding out more about Halton Senior Cohousing. It will be held on Zoom, Tuesday, July 14th 7-8PM. You can book at haltonseniorcohousing@gmail.com . We invite you to submit question in advance. There may be time to take other questions through the chat function during the session but if time limits we will respond with email later in the week. Don't worry we won't be taking your photo!

HAURRAH! FINALLY!

When we first met in May 2016, we had visions of moving into our new Passivhaus Cohousing by the end of 2019. Our timeline was revised several times over the next couple of years. As each obstacle arose, we worked tirelessly to resolve the issues. Well our project manager, Chris, did most of the hard work. Few of us had any idea of how many reports go with a planning application; air pollution report, travel plan, landscape statement, tree survey, architects drawings, and more. A great big thank you to Chris, as he submitted final planning application on June 12th, 2020. Now we wait patiently for the council to verify all those reports and put it on the planning agenda.

Another Big Thank You



Speaking of the local council, we have another huge thank you for all the support Lancaster City Council have given us in advice and granting us funds to cover preplanning costs with the Community Led Housing Grant. We could not have done it without them. There are significant costs with legal and architectural services.

Community Consultation

One of the last pieces of work for final planning permission was to run a Community Consultation. Leaflets were posted locally and a board was put up on the site linking to our web site. It was in the local newspaper. Our future neighbours were invited to comment. Most were quite positive.

Some neighbours thought we were starting to build but alas it was only the site investigations. Still that is a vital piece of work accomplished.



Site investigations for foundations.

Social Event

Discussions were held on how we can connect and develop our relationships with one another while some restrictions are still in place. Groups of 6 are allowed to meet out in the open. Possibly a walk along the shore? Do we hold a quiz night on zoom? What about a workshop with ice breakers? Mention of yet another new digi communication, SLACK? This might be techno overload for some of us. Let's just relax with a glass of wine, a beer, or smoothie and good old fashioned email?

