

# Halton Senior Co-housing Project



## Welcome Summer 2021



View across the Lune Estuary

### Land Purchase Celebration

To celebrate completion of the land purchase, those that were able to gathered for a picnic celebration at the site in mid-May. Rain joined us for rubbish clearing work so that those without full PPE (aka waterproof overtrousers), got thoroughly soaked,

but not enough to dampen spirits or appetites. Two groups set out in only light rain for riverside walks. New members were shown the hydroelectric plant, where a lone heron could be seen fishing below the weirs, just visible in the photo below. Despite the now persistent and *organised* rain, the brightness of new tree leaves, the energy of the rushing river waters and good company kept us going.



**Lune Hydro weir with heron fishing**



**Woods by the river at Halton**

## **Site News**

Following planning consent, the construction job has been put out to tender. Forge Lane adoption by LCC is not yet finalised.

## **Affordable Housing**

We are still negotiating with Lancaster City Council as to the affordable housing criteria. We have earmarked the 2 affordable flats and 4 discount market value flats which make

up our 30% affordable housing contract. All applicants must meet the council's requirements. The details are being finalised.

## **Walks together**



**Lune Estuary**

Several met for a midsummer walk beginning on the canal towpath south of Lancaster, walking towards Glasson as far as Aldcliffe Marsh, part of the River Lune Estuary, pictured above.



**Cycle track to Glasson Dock**

The canal was alive with barges, a moorhen and her chicks, ducks, swans and many walkers enjoying the sunshine and new-found feeling of freedom and connection. Turning

towards the bay, pausing to marvel below a truly colossal Horse

Chestnut tree, we walked down Smuggler's Lane - thick with seeding grass, clouds of insects, heady with the scent of honeysuckle. We could hear a Curlew calling. After a rest at Aldcliffe Marsh, we walked back and enjoyed a café break at the Water Witch: an activity once so commonplace but now so very special.



**Lancaster Canal**



**The Waterwitch**

## **The Great Big Green Week**

Is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change, taking place across the UK from 18 - 26 September 2021. We will be joining our neighbours, the Community Land Trust and Lancaster co-Housing, who will be hosting an event to showcase and inspire the projects currently in progress in Halton following PassivHaus standards and community living for sustainability.

## **ZOOM Continues**

Covid restrictions still continued to prevent face to face meetings. Apart from our regular Steering Group meetings and occasional social zooms, we have been holding zoom meetings on the first Saturday morning of each month where new members and anyone interested in connecting with us can come along and meet the group.

## **September 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> weekend**

We are looking forward to a face-to-face weekend workshop at the beginning of September. On the first

day we will be receiving training in Consensus Agreement from a professional training organisation called Seeds for Change. After this there will be a number of activities to provide opportunities for much-needed embodied connection, feedback, information exchange and fun. Rooms are booked at Forgebank LCH for members travelling from out of area to stay overnight.

## **Welcoming New Members**

There is interest from new people on a regular basis. We invite them to one of our zoom socials or general meetings so they can get to know us and we can get to know them. There is a Membership Pack we send digitally. Units are still available for purchase: if you are interested or know someone who is please contact us:

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