



# **February Monthly Open Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Committee Room 3, City Hall

6-8PM

# Agenda



6:00-6:05PM Welcome

6:00-6:30 Presentation by Rick Curtis from FlexLondon

6:30-7:00PM Presentation by Paul Hallas (SE24) and Tristan Owen (SELCE) on ECO requirements and community energy

7:00-8:00PM General Meeting

- Local Authority Climate Emergency action plans update
- Meeting with groups update
- Funding update
- CEL membership proposal
- Crowdfunding
- Accountant
- CEL Mayoral manifesto asks
- Events coming up in 2020
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# Welcome

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# Local Authority Climate Emergency action plans update

- 27 councils have declared climate emergencies
- Hounslow
- Meeting with Islington
- Ashden/ FOE event on 31 climate actions
- Haringey
- Meeting with Mas Patel/ Newham
- Encouraging groups to keep abreast of climate emergency action plans
- Please get in touch

## Meeting with groups update

- Been meeting with CEL member groups
- Met so far with En10ergy and BBBC
- Great to learn about the projects and issues they face
- Seem to be an issue with getting reliable contractors/  
developers
- Would like to meet with other groups – I've emailed  
out, but please email me if I haven't been in touch



# Funding update

Headline: CEL funding runs out completely first week of April, currently exploring all options.

Applied for three funds so far:

~~City Bride Trust – hear back mid-march~~

National Lottery Fund Awards for All – hear back mid-April

Friends Provident Foundation – hear back in next couple of months

Also applying to:

Lush Charity Pot

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation

→ Any other possible fund suggestions appreciated

→ Many funds are location and project-based, so we could only apply with a local group

# Funding update

Other routes to secure funds:

- Potential sponsors/ supporters – guilds? Companies? Other?
- Emma Bridge from CEE recommended a paid membership structure to diversify our income and demonstrate community buy-in to funders
- Need immediate funding – CEL funding subgroup has suggested doing a crowdfunder
- Any jobs that groups need doing - small roles/ research?
- Developing a project that utilises learnings from some CE groups and shares them across London, and applying for funding with this – e.g. addressing fuel poverty more broadly across the city

# CEL membership proposal



We'd love your feedback!

- CEL is proposing to launch a membership and supporters package
- A way to help diversify our income stream and demonstrate to funders that we are not only relying on grant funding
- Retaining a CEL Officer is critical for the organization to continue its work
- Our monthly meetings will remain free and open to all to attend - but members/ supporters of CEL will be given priority in relation to setting the direction of the organisation, presenting at our meetings, and including content in our newsletters
- Joining CEL is open to any organisation or individual that shares our objectives for the development of the community energy sector

# CEL membership proposal



## CEL Work

- Hosting monthly open meetings at City Hall - offering networking opportunities, and inviting speakers to present on topical issues in the energy sector
- Organising a events for Community Energy Fortnight/ London Climate Action Week
- Advocating on behalf of the sector in London with the GLA and councils for better legislation and increased funding for community energy
- Engaging with London Mayoral candidates on community energy
- Being tapped into the wider regional community energy network across the country and staying abreast of policy and other relevant developments
- Responding to relevant consultations on behalf of members
- Supporting groups to deliver their projects - such as providing help to identify partners, sources of information and expertise to develop and fund projects
- Promoting funding opportunities to groups
- Working to develop a list of trusted developers/ orgs for groups in London
- Supporting groups to engage with London council climate emergency action plans
- Producing best practice guides - from how to set up a community energy project in London, to how councils can set up community energy funds
- Existing as a hub to direct queries & signposting the on community energy in London
- Keeping an active website, twitter, facebook, and linkedin page to keep our network informed about community energy-related info in London
- Helping groups to promote their share offers and events
- Sending our 650+ mailing list monthly newsletters with sector-related info, opportunities, and news

# CEL membership proposal



## Membership and supporter categories

We are proposing the following categories of membership at the following rates:

- Community membership – range from £75 to £250 (flexibility possible for groups with low turnover)
- Corporate sponsor - £500 or other amount by negotiation
- Local Authority supporter - £150 to £1,000 depending on size
- Academic supporter – £150
- Individual supporter – any amount

# CEL membership proposal



## Benefits for Community Members

- Being connected to a vibrant network
- Support from CEL in your activities
- Opportunity to present at CEL meetings
- Opportunity to include content, events, and info in CEL newsletters
- A dedicated page on the CEL website explaining your key activities & links to your website
- Opportunity to meet commercial companies and Government and Local Authorities
- Opportunity to include content, events, and info in CEL newsletters
- Tweeting from the CEL twitter account on demand (with notice) about your group
- One vote in our AGM
- Right for your members to stand as Directors
- Organisation listing in Member Directory
- Knowing that you are supporting Community Energy London

# CEL membership proposal

## Benefits for Corporate Sponsors and Academic Supporters

Opportunity to present at CEL meetings

Advertisements through printed materials at CEL events

Opportunity to include content, events, and info in CEL newsletters

Opportunity to meet Community Group customers

Organisation listing in Member Directory

A dedicated page on the CEL website explaining your key activities & links to your website

Opportunity to sponsor CEL events

Opportunity to link with research candidates

Knowing that you are supporting Community Energy London

## Benefits for Local Authority Supporters

Opportunity to present at CEL meetings

Opportunity to include content, events, and info in CEL newsletters

Opportunity to work with practitioners for policy making and practical projects

Knowing that you are supporting Community Energy London

## Benefits for Individuals

Opportunity to help expand the Community Energy work in London

Opportunity to learn about Community Energy and take the message back to your company and organisations

Your membership, sponsorship or supporter status means you will be part of a growing movement of organisations and individuals who are working for a common cause.

# CEL membership proposal



We'd love your feedback and thoughts!

- Reached out to Community Energy England about it
- Want to make sure there is an offering that appeals to current members



# General Meeting



Crowdfunder

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## Accountant

CEL is looking for an accountant to help us submit our annual accounts

- Quotes we have seen so far range £400-650
- This will be a stretch given our financial situation
- Our accounts are very simple as we have not had many financial transactions
- Does anyone know someone who may be able to do our accounts pro bono?
- If not, does anyone have a trusted accountant or an accountant that costs less than the above

# CEL Community Energy Manifesto for London Mayor Election 2020

- A new round of the London Community Energy Fund (LCEF) of £1m, providing both feasibility and capital funding for community energy projects
- Identifying sites which could host community energy projects – both GLA assets (TfL) and through the Mayor’s convening power to liaise with other London landlords, property developers, public sector organisations
- London Power to explore opportunities for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with community energy – and also signposting customers to their local community energy projects
- Integration of community energy in other GLA programmes – housing/non domestic buildings retrofit, decentralised energy, fuel poverty, housing, planning, smart data, etc.
- Support for paid young trainees/apprenticeships in community energy groups – building capacity for community energy and providing skills for London’s future climate-focussed workforce
- Lobbying both national government and London boroughs to develop community energy programmes.

£ million	Footnotes	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Transport: reversing Beeching fund	1	500	0	0	0
NHS: car parking	2	257	0	0	0
Transport: cycling	3	70	70	70	70
Community sentencing	4	3	0	0	0
Further education: upgrade estate	5	0	194	241	348
Potholes Fund	6	500	500	500	500
Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	7	0	60	240	410
Homes Upgrade Grants	8	150	260	370	590
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	9	170	640	660	690
CCS Infrastructure Fund	10	0	0	100	300
Nature for Climate Fund	11	60	110	150	160
Intra-city transport settlements	12	0	0	840	840
Industrial Energy Transformation Fund	13	30	30	70	90
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	14	70	110	110	110
Flexible Childcare Fund	15	0	250	0	0
R&D	16	800	1,300	2,000	3,200
New Flood Defence Programme	17	680	790	810	840

# General Meeting



## Events coming up in 2020 (Draft)

These topics have been selected on the back of suggestions by individual CEL members

### March

Retrofit Accelerator for Homes scheme

London Power?

### April

Workshop: How councils can launch community energy funds?

### May

Prospects for Community Energy scheme PPAs (Power Purchase Agreements)

Workshop: How to effectively fundraise through community share offers

### June

CEL Annual Conference - Community Energy and Council Climate Action

### July

London Climate Action Week

Community Energy Fortnight - Community Energy and Council Climate Action

Possible future topics: Hearing from Leo Murray at POSSIBLE/Riding Sunbeams, Power Paired from Becca Lawson at Forum for the Future, Andre Pinho on Co-Energy community share offer platform, Abundance, Solar Together, Potential joint procurement opportunities

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# AGM



**Next meeting:  
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Retrofit Accelerator for Homes

**Thank you for coming!**