

CHORLTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
MEMBERS MEETING Monday 24th February
REPORT

The meeting was held to engage members in establishing a set of social value outcomes and update on other business, there were 55 participants. These outcomes will help create a Social Value Strategy for the Chorlton Picture House project.

Aim

To ensure continuing community involvement in the work of the CCLT.

Objectives

Participants will:

- Better understand about Community Land Trusts.
- Gain knowledge about the vision of the CCLT.
- Understand the importance of identifying social value in a new development.
- Develop the social value outcomes the CCLT wish to achieve.

Programme

Welcome

What is a CLT?

Agree/disagree continuum

Social value outcomes

4 **themes** for table discussion –

- Jobs and the local economy
- Health and well-being
- The building and the environment
- Strength of community

Feedback

Next steps

An update about Ryebank Fields

Meeting notes

Steve Goslyn welcomed all those present to the meeting. He informed people about the purpose of CLTs with a range of examples of how they function elsewhere. He gave an overview of the national CLT network. He also described the development and progress of the Chorlton CLT.

Cath Fernley took members through the programme for the session and a few golden rules for the activities. She described the reason for looking at social value outcomes in order to define the community benefit from the Picture House project.

Participants were introduced to an initial icebreaker exercise – opinion continuum.

SOCIAL VALUE OUTCOMES

Table discussion generated the following contributions.

STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY

Contributions

Gives us a sense of ownership
The community is involved in defining what the needs are
To reflect multiple identities
We made it happen
Mixing, diversity, range of people
To include younger and older people
To be diverse and connected
Accessible – inexpensive
Open morning through to night
Multi and flexible use
Intergenerational activities where all feel welcome
A defined significant proportion that is non commercial
Community theatre provides participation and cheap tickets
Repair shop and café
Affordable/ bookable space
Free space for parents/ creche
Community activities for all ages
Keep control of what the community wants
Pride in the Bee Gees legacy – money and tourism also
Recognising that Chorlton is unique and interesting

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Contributions

To relax in comfort
To be creative and arty
Culture and the arts to flourish
A place to meet
A place to convene for activity focus
To encourage walking and cycling
To access health services
The design fosters well being
Education, youth club and drama
The health services are responsive to local needs
Everyone feels welcome and there is a sense of ownership
Nutrition, exercise, sleep and mindfulness guidance are provided
Food is locally sourced and healthy

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Contributions

Self-sustaining
Mixed economy viability
Income generating areas
Not taking support away from existing organisations and businesses
Grant seeking but not dependant
Bringing generations together
Skills and knowledge transfer
Fighting social exclusion
Subsidised access for those with limited means
Strong focus on education and training for both young people and life long
Employing local people at a living wage and offering apprenticeships
Providing local jobs
Supporting local start ups
Opportunities for volunteering
Commitment to social and solidarity economy
Support social enterprise initiatives
Barter exchange provide local assistance
Provide space/ platform for promotion of local talent
Community can influence the business and commercial issues
Income and tourism from the Bee Gees legacy

THE BUILDING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Contributions

Carbon friendly outcome – maintain and reuse existing materials in place
Accessible to all through the built environment
Green spaces, pedestrian and cycle friendly – air quality
Designated space for Bee Gees memorabilia
Heritage and local history to be celebrated alongside Wetherspools and library buildings
Climate conscious building that is future proofed
Cultural activity as part of local heritage
Well-being practice

These contributions will be used to frame a set of outcomes. A further meeting will generate the opportunities and tasks required to achieve these outcomes.