



# Chorlton Community Land Trust

## Membership Policy

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### Introduction

Chorlton CLT is a Community Benefit Society and as such our policies exist to support our aims and vision, in line with our Rules<sup>1</sup>.

This document sets out the CLT's aims and policy with regard to membership.

### Membership aims

- To build a wide membership base of people who support our aims and vision
- To ensure our membership is as diverse and representative of our local community as possible
- To increase the number of people wishing to play an active part in supporting our work
- To broaden the range of expertise, views and perspectives within the CLT

### The policy for accepting new members

Chorlton CLT welcomes applications from anyone who supports our work irrespective of disability, gender, race, religion, sex or sexuality.

The CLT particularly welcomes applications from people who live or work in our local community, but also accepts applications from those based elsewhere in the UK.

Organisations, both corporate<sup>2</sup> and unincorporated<sup>3</sup> bodies, may also apply for membership.

Membership of the CLT requires the purchase of a £1 membership share<sup>4</sup>.

Chorlton CLT aims to provide clear information for people and organisations who are considering joining the CLT so they can make an informed decision about whether to apply to become a member.

The information to help them make that decision will, as far as possible, be made available at the application stage. This includes: the CLT rules, vision, members code of conduct, this policy and information on current projects.

Applicants are invited to indicate which areas of the CLT's work they are interested in supporting.

All applications for membership are referred to the CLT Board which has full discretion to accept or reject an application<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [Rules of Chorlton Community Land Trust Limited](#)

<sup>2</sup> Rule C10

<sup>3</sup> Rule C9

<sup>4</sup> Rules C2, C3, C5

<sup>5</sup> Rule C14



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The CLT rules<sup>6</sup> describe situations where individuals are not eligible to become a member, for example, anyone aged under 18. There may be other situations where an individual's previous actions give significant concern that if accepted they would be at risk of breaching the Members Code of Conduct. In the unlikely event of such concerns applicants will be invited to discuss their request with the membership secretary and one other Board member before a recommendation is made to the Board.

CLT members names and addresses are entered in the Register of Members<sup>7</sup>.

### **Ceasing membership**

Members can end their membership at any time by informing the membership secretary.

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Chair	Steve Goslyn
Secretary	Simon Borkin
Previous Versions	23 July 2019
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<sup>6</sup> Rule C8

<sup>7</sup> Rule C7