Bristol Energy Network – Director self-nomination form

September 2021

Bristol Energy Network’s (BEN) Articles of Association allow for 9 directors at any one time. There are no stipulations in the Articles of Association about who can stand to become a BEN Director. Nonetheless, we expect all prospective directors to sign up to and support BEN’s vision statement and core values. Both the vision and core values have been agreed with our members.

Our vision is a city where clean, green, affordable energy is delivered to the community by the community.

BEN core values:

1. **For everyone** – actively working to create an energy movement that reflects the diversity of Bristol communities and ensuring everyone has a chance to play a part in designing and carrying out the work;
2. **Open and honest** – being accountable to those affected by our work by giving them the opportunity to be involved and openly sharing information about our activities;
3. **Community-led** – communities, rather than private interests, lead the work and benefit from it;
4. **Sharing and supporting** – working together, sharing learning and supporting each other to achieve shared goals.

Below we ask you to sign up to our vision and core values. Beyond this, there are some basic questions about whether you are eligible under UK law to become a director of a company. In the last part of this form there is space to provide a short biography about yourself and your motivation for standing to become a director of the network. This last section can be considered your ‘pitch’ to our membership and will be circulated to our members before the AGM. Use this space to argue why the membership should vote you on to the board.
Candidate full name:

Address:

Contact email address:

Please delete as appropriate to indicate your agreement with the following statements. Use the space below to provide any explanation if necessary.

- I am over 18 years of age. AGREE / DISAGREE
- There are no ongoing bankruptcy proceedings against me or any company I have previously been responsible for. AGREE / DISAGREE
- I have not been disqualified from being a company director by any UK court now or in the past. AGREE / DISAGREE

Space for an explanation…

Conflicts of interest
Conflicts of interest can arise in situations where a person or organisation has competing interests or loyalties that either are or potentially could be at odds with the interests or workings of the company. For instance, this may occur between a Director’s day job and the interests of BEN or where a Director may be in a position to gain financially from the work of the company. In most instances conflicts of interest can be dealt with fairly easily by (a) recognising the potential conflict and (b) taking steps to remove that person from the decision-making process (i.e. stepping outside). In certain circumstances a conflict of interest might mean it is inappropriate for someone to become a Director of the company.

To recognise and take appropriate action to guard against situations where conflicts of interest may arise please use the box below to outline any potential conflicts of interest you may have.

Conflicts of interest statement

Space for an explanation…
Candidate background and ‘pitch’

Please use this space to provide a brief introduction to yourself (your past experience), why you wish to stand as a BEN director and what skills or knowledge you would bring to the position. 200 words max. Please also note that if you cannot attend the BEN AGM in person, one of the current directors (not standing for re-election) will read out ‘your pitch’ on your behalf.

By signing below, I agree to BEN’s vision and core values.

Signature: ........................................... (Electronic is fine)

Date: ..............................................

Please send completed forms to coordinator coordinator@bristolenergynetwork.org by Friday 8th October 2021.

If you have any questions about this form or about becoming a director of Bristol Energy Network please contact the coordinator at the email address above.