



Spaxton Community Land Trust (CLT). Members Update January 2022.

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Dear CLT Member

I thought it time to bring you up to speed on the state of play of your Community Land Trust. You will recall that we have confirmed the High Street site as the selected location for the affordable homes and have committed to building nine homes in a mix of 3, 2 and 1 bedroom properties. Support for this approach was given at a public meeting in late 2021.

The CLT enters 2022 with its foot on the accelerator. The board has been strengthened by co-opting two new members and we are now ten strong. We have interviewed two housing associations as prospective partners and have decided to team up with the Aster Group. We were satisfied that Aster has the right ethos and financial strength to ensure we get the best development that will reflect the eco ambitions we have, as well as ensuring the houses will reflect the character of the village. Aster has much experience working with CLTs and will use that during the preparation and building phases. Its management systems for tenants after occupation are based on running similar affordable housing schemes and will provide a good responsive service.

We have been able to obtain substantial grants, sufficient to fund all of the preparatory work (surveys, legal costs, landscape, ecological and architects) necessary to get us to the point where we can submit a planning proposition. The surveys of the site have started and will continue over the next few months.

As plans begin to firm up we will hold more public meetings to inform you of progress and to get your input such that we can submit for planning permission at the end of this year or early next. In the mean time do keep up to speed by looking at the CLT website which is now fully up and running. (spaxtonclt.org)

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Chair SCLT