



Brighton Cohousing

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Our meetings

These are open meetings where you can come and discuss your interest in cohousing.

*Friday 28 March 7-9pm: **Questionnaire/matchmaking social*** (see below)

*Friday 4 April 8-9pm: **Open meeting*** at Flat 4, 15 Madeira Place, Kemp Town, Brighton, BN2 1TN

From May we will try holding open meetings on Sunday afternoons to see if that is easier for people.

*Sunday 4 May, 3-5pm: **Open meeting*** - see website for venue.

Questionnaires matchmaking social

This is Friday 28 March, 7-9pm upstairs at The Cricketers pub, 15 Black Lion St, Brighton, BN1 1ND. All welcome, even if you haven't filled in a questionnaire yet - but you can still get a copy from the [website](#). Julie is now collating the responses and we hope to have a little 'speed cohousing' or some such matchmaking on the night. There will be a light buffet (free but we'll ask for donations) and the pub's bar. If you don't make the meeting, any matches will be emailed out to people (we'll ask permission before giving contact details). Hope to see you there!

Constituted!

Brighton Cohousing has now adopted a constitution and elected four officers: Julian Howell as chair; Wendy Mitchell as secretary; Julie Shergold as treasurer and Viki Junor and Charlie Stone as committee members. You can see a copy of the constitution at brightoncohousing.org.uk.

Membership

Under the new constitution Brighton Cohousing will be a membership organisation, with a joining fee of £10 per year. It is not much but it will help cover expenses (website, hire of rooms etc) which the founders have been paying for so far. It will also help us to organise more meetings with speakers, and outings. We are trying to arrange a couple of visits to existing cohousing projects at the moment. Membership forms will be available at meetings and from the website shortly.

Transition Brighton and Hove

This Transition Town seems to be getting more and more active. See <http://www.transitionbrightonandhove.org.uk>.

Lewes cohousing group

We have heard of a small group forming in Lewes - contact nikkimacbeth@yahoo.co.uk

National Cohousing Network

They have revamped their website and there is some interesting material there, like 'Building your cohousing community' and an announcement of 'The E-cohousing Development Company'. www.cohousing.org.uk

Earthship France

Fancy staying in an earthship in Normandy? Brighton based Kevin and Gillian Trott have built it and it is now available to rent! web.mac.com/kevantrott/iWeb/Site/Rentals.html

Channel 4 TV programme proposal

We've had this notice from a TV production company: 'Are you thinking of buying a dream home to live in with your extended family or a big group of friends? Have you already found a place to buy? Are you still looking? To hear more about a new Channel 4 show that offers assistance to people like you, call Lura on 020 7845 6885. ljackson@celador.co.uk'. Check out Celador at www.celadorproductions.com.

If you hear of any news or interesting information or publications we can pass on, please let us know.

Julian