

Brighton Cohousing newsletter

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Brighton Cohousing vision workshop

Sat 13 June

2 - 5pm in the Red Room at Phoenix Brighton (the arts centre), Waterloo Place, BN2 9NB

Creating a vision: what, where, who and why. The first step in creating a cohousing project and developing a business plan for carrying it out. If you would like to be involved in this exciting venture, bring your ideas and your flexibility and let's start! It is a good time to be doing it. Developers are giving up land, loans are available for co-operative housing, housing authorities are keen to encourage affordable housing - and there is a lot of interest amongst people who would like to live in a sustainable community.

Phoenix Brighton is the large blue building on Lewes Road, near St Peter's Church at the South end of the Level. We will ask for donations (around £5 depending on what you can afford) to cover costs.

Please let us know if you are thinking of coming - we may be sending out some background materials. Email info@brightoncohousing.org.uk. Phone 07855 422 414.

We will have a follow-up meeting, provisionally Sat 4 July, but to be agreed by the people involved.

Report of visit to Hoathly Hill Community

On 23 May six of us visited Hoathly Hill Community near Forest Row and were made very welcome. It is a long-established group of about 27 households and 65 people of all ages, originally based on the ideas of Rudolf Steiner. Recently they have completed a wood-pellet-fired community heating scheme. They run a creche, arts workshops and often have a Saturday cafe which is open to visitors. It seems a nice place to live.

Threshold Centre, Dorset

Construction of seven affordable housing units is now under way there. It is possible to apply for a shared ownership property wherever you live in the country, provided you have capital or property worth less than £100K. At 31 May there were 2 two-bed, and 1 one-bed units available. Contact the Threshold Centre for up-to-date information.

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