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# Bristol Community Land Trust Newsletter

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## Highlights from Bristol CLT

At the Board meeting in May, the Board agreed to focus on a scheme at 325 Fishponds Road. It also discussed what aspects a housing allocation policy for this scheme should include. A final document will be presented to members in the near future.

The Board confirmed that Bristol CLT was now a member of the National CLT Network which provides it with insurance cover for directors and staff and a forum through which Bristol CLT can connect with other CLT's across the country.

The Board heard that its bid for the [Cloverdown Elderly Persons Home in Knowle](#) has unfortunately been unsuccessful. Feedback from Bristol City Council Property Services suggest that Bristol CLT's bid was lower than other social housing providers who had also



## What's happening at Fishponds?

Bristol CLT is progressing options for a site in Fishponds Road on which an old school building could be re-used within a larger development of homes for members. Bristol CLT is negotiating with Bristol City Council to try to find a solution to the problems with means of access. Once these are resolved positively, we hope then to open the process up so that members are able to view the options, discuss the plans with the architects and get a feel for the kind of place that might be created. All being well, we hope to circulate a date for a first meeting soon. Watch this space.

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## Former Scientific Services Building

Members and board members met on site to look round this intriguing building, most recently used by Bristol City Scientific Services, a public health body which has now closed. The building could be re-organised and refurbished to provide flats for Bristol CLT members on the upper two floors and a range of options on the ground floor. Those who looked round were encouraged by the existing facilities including a lift to all floors and the potential for a roof garden. The next steps are to establish the suitability of the building for residential occupation with the planning team at Bristol City Council and develop layout options. More to follow in future updates....

The Board also discussed the idea of appointing a professional advisers panel of two to three individual architects or practices to work on a range of projects in the future. This would bring clarity to Bristol CLT's appointment process for architects to work on its projects.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 16th May 2012

An informal talk on [Cohousing and Mutual Home Ownership](#) in partnership with the [Cohousing Forum](#)

6.30m - 8pm

Downstairs at [Cafe Kino](#)

### June - date tbc

Talk on Self Build

Duncan Roberts, External tutor at the [Centre for Alternative Technology](#)

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### **Mission Statement:**

Bristol Community Land Trust seeks to open up opportunities for acquiring and developing land for its members and strives to promote the cause of self-organised housing across the Bristol city region.

It also aims is to nurture and support locally focussed community land trusts whilst leading by example by developing environmentally sustainable, affordable housing and community based amenities.

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