

## **Nominations to the Board**

The Rules allow for a maximum number of seven Board members of which one third must retire each year in rotation. Julian Wilkins will retire by rotation and is seeking re-election. The Co-op received no new nominations to join the Board. The number of directors proposed does not exceed the maximum number permitted so there will not be a “competitive” ballot. Members will be asked to vote for Julian through a motion put before the AGM.

### **Biographical Notes**

#### **Existing Director**

##### **Julian Wilkins – Balcombe**

Julian is Brighton born and a life long resident of the two counties. He has lived in Balcombe since 2010 and has been involved with RePower Balcombe for about 6 years with most of that time serving as their legal director.

Julian has advised other renewable energy groups such as Community Energy South and Energise South Coast. Additionally, he was legal counsel to the innovative Riding Sunbeams project and was part of the team that brought to fruition the pilot solar PV project at Aldershot in conjunction with Network Rail.

Otherwise, Julian has been a practising solicitor for over 30 years with extensive experience in relation to commercial law, intellectual property and media law. Julian is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; a CEDR Accredited Mediator and Notary Public. Julian is placing more emphasis on his arbitration and mediation work and is a founder member of soon to be launched Q Chambers which provides Alternative Dispute Resolution services. He is a member of the UK editorial contributors panel for the EU Audiovisual Observatory. Since 2017 he has edited the Independent Television News 1955 Club Newsletter and is an occasional guest legal editor to EV Mobility including about autonomous vehicles. Additionally, he has lectured and recently has been a guest lecturer at University of Reading's post graduate International Commercial Law course covering matters relating to intellectual property.

Julian's passion is writing and has entered various script competitions including film and stage scripts. He is a member of Writers' Guild of Great Britain (WGGB) and recently his writing mentor was a winner of the WGGB's Olwen Wymark Theatre Encouragement Award. Since 2011 Julian has been legal advisor to the London Screen Writers' Festival.

Julian and his wife, Eleri, enjoy being part of Balcombe's community and relax by having an eclectic interest in music, reading, visiting galleries and exhibition and watching TV, especially Welsh noir such as Keeping Faith and Hidden.