

## 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 Fitzsimons will retire by rotation and is not seeking re-election; Joe Nixon will be resigning at the AGM. The Co-op received two new nominations to join the Board from Rachael Hunter and Julian Wilkins. The number of directors proposed does not exceed the maximum number permitted so there will not be a “competitive” ballot. The Board supports the appointment of each of the directors proposed therefore Members will be asked to vote for all candidates through motions put before the AGM.

### Biographical Notes

#### New Candidates

##### **Rachael Hunter – Godalming**

Rachael has been involved in community renewable energy projects since 2011 when she helped set up the Wey Valley Solar Schools Energy Co-operative, one of the pioneering community energy co-operatives. Since then she has project managed the installations of over 1MW of solar PV on schools.

Rachael joined Energy4All in January 2016 and now works for them as a project manager.

Rachael has a background in ecology and previously worked for the Environment Agency as a Biodiversity Officer before making the move to community renewable energy.

##### **Julian Wilkins**

I was born (Brighton), educated (Lewes) and have lived in Sussex for over 50 years. Although working in London part of the week I need the tonic of being in the counties of Sussex. I and my wife, Eleri, have lived in Balcombe for almost 6 years as did, until recently, my late father.

I have been assisting Balcombe Repower with their legal work for about a year and principally have been involved in the negotiations and drafting of the contracts for Balcombe School, and this year Imberhorne School.

I am very concerned about the UK’s energy security (and food security too) and there should be a move towards sustainable and renewable energy sources, including the exploration of technologies to identify alternative energy sources.

My background is that I am a qualified solicitor (1988), notary public (1995) and a CEDR trained commercial mediation (1997).

I practised for many years in Burgess Hill, Brighton and Shoreham. I am currently a self employed consultant with Devereaux Solicitors, in London and I also have an office at Pinewood Studios for both my legal and media work. I have previously lectured on a part time basis at the University of Sussex. I have held various company directorships over the years.

I am a member of the UK editorial board for the EU Audio Visual Observatory. I am the legal advisor to the London Screenwriters’ Festival. I have been developing my own magazine, Blue Pencil, concerning intellectual property law issues. I am a member of the Writers’ Guild of Great Britain and also a member of the Windsor Leadership Trust.

Balcombe Repower reflects the pioneering and forward thinking ethos of Sussex and can be a force for good both in supporting the community, protecting the environment and on the long term providing a viable business model as a co-operative. As such, I would like to commit time, know how and enthusiasm to the long term objectives of Balcombe Repower.