



Clevedon Community Bookshop AGM 2017

Report from the Chair

This time last year, I had hoped to attend the AGM, to see how a Co-operative Bookshop operated with a view of becoming more involved, unfortunately I was away, and thought I had missed my opportunity. I then received a newsletter over Christmas, asking for members who would like to be co-opted to the Board. Having spoken to Lesley, and met with your Board, I was enthused by how well the Co-op bookshop was operating and agreed to join and to become the Chair. Thank you for putting your trust into me.

I wanted to become involved because Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative (CCBC) is more than a Bookshop. Yes, we sell books, but we also are owned by our members, we run courses, we celebrate our successes and hold events to mark important days. I was particularly impressed with the “Books and Bubbles” event that celebrated the International Co-operative Day in June. We are a Co-op, which links us to over 1 billion other people who are members of co-ops worldwide. Co-operatives play an important role globally and we are one small cog in this international movement. I want to thank our members who run our Co-op daily. Without your efforts and support we would not have been able to achieve everything we have done this year.

Looking to the future, we have started to write the second five-year plan. As a Co-op that is owned by its members, it is right that we asked the members what they wanted for the next five years. The questionnaire that was circulated had a 20 % response rate, which I am told is a high figure. Again, I would like to thank all those co-op members who completed the questionnaire and wrote insightful comments.

We shall be celebrating our achievements, and sharing the questionnaires results at the AGM. If you are unable to attend, we will ensure that all the information shared is posted on the website for you to read at your leisure.

For those of you who can attend, I look forward to meeting you all, and hearing your thoughts on how we can move our Co-op forward into the future.

Michael Harriott – Chair

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