

We would like to expand our network's membership options to make it easier for individuals, including those who are not currently affiliated with a community group, to join and become an active part of our community taking action on climate change. We believe this will help grow and diversify our network, strengthen our impact and expand our reach. But to do this we need SCCAN members to be in agreement!

What are we proposing and why?

Our Articles of Association (our governing document) currently restricts full membership to community-led organisations that are already taking action on climate change. Organisations that support community climate action may become 'Associate' members. We are proposing to open up 'Associate' membership to any individual who supports our aims so that they can contribute to and take part in our activities and work towards creating our collective post-carbon vision. In terms of governance, we would remain as a network of community-led organisations.

We are proposing a resolution to change our Articles (available here: <http://www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Articles-SCCAN.pdf>) and are seeking approval by members at our AGM on 23rd Sept. The resolution is to change article 27.5. This currently reads:

“Associate membership is open to any partner organisation that supports community action on climate change.”

Our proposed new wording:

“Associate membership is open to any organisation or individual that supports our aims of: facilitating and supporting community-led climate action, creating opportunities for collaboration and networking between our members and providing a shared vision and voice.”

Existing full member organisations may nominate a representative to vote on this change at our AGM on the 23rd September. If unable to attend, they may nominate a proxy to vote on their behalf.

Our hope is that this change will make it easier for individuals, whether already affiliated with one of our existing member organisations or not, to directly contribute to and participate in SCCAN activities and to network with others across Scotland.

At the same time, we are proposing to set up a working group to carry out a comprehensive review our current organisational structure, including drafting a completely new constitution that is more in line with our desire to explore new ways of working together that are more appropriate for the future we are seeking to bring into being. We would then eventually seek our members' approval to replace our current 'off the shelf', model Articles of Association for a community interest company.