



JAN MULREANY: Personal Statement to support re-election to Trusteeship of
BRIGHTON PERMACULTURE TRUST

Jan was a founder member of Brighton Permaculture Trust in 2000, and became a trustee when the Trust gained its charitable status in 2012. She had been a teacher of the Permaculture Design course for Brighton Permaculture Trust in the past, and a Permaculture Diploma Tutor for the national Permaculture Association until this recent summer. Having retired from fulltime work in further and higher education in 2011, she has enjoyed supporting the Trust's activities locally and nationally, and currently holds a chairing role in the Covid Crisis Team. Latterly she has taken on the licensee role for the Trust's sale of cider at the Fruit Factory, and volunteered as a juice-seller for the Scrumping Project. She says the best thing about this is meeting the public, getting to know better the younger people who volunteer for the Trust, and drinking its fresh apple juice! She is also a Trustee for a war memorial hall in Patcham, and intends to retire "properly" from both positions in 2024.

"This year the challenges mounted for Brighton Permaculture Trust by the Covid 19 pandemic have shown the strength of our working together to build a sustainable community. I applaud the work being done by our tutors, volunteers and other staff to cope with the changes needed, often on an overnight basis, and I recognise how much has been done to keep the Trust's work happening, and in maintaining its reputation. I wish to be re-elected so that I can continue to support these marvellous people, and help plan for a successful recovery post-Covid. It might need a change of direction for us, but the benefit of using the permaculture design process is that the charity can adapt and plan for a flexible future, seeing the long-term yields for both earth-care and our people in this uncertain world."

The Board would like to recommend to members that Jan is re-elected to become a Trustee from the date of the AGM 2021.