

Sutton Community Farm seeking new non-executive directors to join our Management Committee

Sutton Community Farm is a community-led enterprise that grows fresh vegetables using organic principles, and provides a shared space for the local community to cultivate skills.

Our farm operates as a democratic, community-led enterprise. To support this, we have structured ourselves as a [Community Benefit Society](#) with a Member base of over 250 share holding individuals and organisations.

We have recently completed our second [community share offer](#), increasing our Membership and successfully raising capital to build a much-needed new barn on site. We would now like to increase membership on the Management Committee to bring new skills and expertise onboard at this exciting period of growth and development on the farm. In accordance with our Rules candidates will stand for election to the Management Committee at our Annual Members' Meeting on 22nd August 2017 when the Membership will vote on a one Member one vote basis.

Our Management Committee is similar to a board of trustees. The Committee meets every two months and is responsible for making sure the farm is running well and is doing what it was set up to do. Elected members of the Management Committee hold office for a period commencing immediately after the Members' Meeting at which their election is declared, and ending at the conclusion of the third Annual Members Meeting after that.

This is an exciting opportunity for individuals with good business experience, looking for a responsible role in an ambitious, vibrant and successful enterprise. We expect the Management Committee to demonstrate wisdom, fairness and support the farm's ethos.

This is a position of legal responsibility. Subject to the Society's Rules the Management Committee manages the affairs of the Society and may exercise all of its powers. The Management Committee is collectively responsible for everything done by or in the name of the Society. Members of the Management Committee who act honestly and in good faith will not have to meet out of their personal resources any personal civil liability which is incurred in the execution or purported execution of their functions, save where they have acted recklessly. Any costs arising in this way will be met by the Society. As well as Public/Products Liability and Employer's Liability insurance cover, the farm has Directors and Officers Insurance. Details of this cover is available on request.

We are particularly looking for a candidate to fill the role of Treasurer. The Management Committee have a duty to ensure the farm is taking appropriate financial decisions and financial monitoring. While the day-to-day finances are managed by the employees, the Treasurer has strong financial experience and is able to have oversight of the activity. Key duties include:

- Helping advise the Committee and General Manager on financial matters
- Oversight of the organisation's finances and familiarity with the cash flow and budget
- Working with the General Manager to present regular financial reports to the Committee, including raising items for discussion
- Ensure compliance with relevant financial regulation
- Working with the General Manager to prepare the Financial Report for the Annual Members' Meeting

In addition we are looking for candidates with experience in the following areas:

1. HR expertise
2. Voluntary sector skills: especially expertise in safeguarding issues and regulation
3. Business development: especially expertise in entrepreneurship and growing a small business
4. Marketing, communications and PR expertise

If you are interested in standing as a candidate for election to the Management Committee this August please read through our [Rules](#) and the document [SCF: Management Committee: Introduction and Expectations](#) before completing our [Registration of Interest form](#) and returning together with your CV to Charlotte Steel, General Manager: charlotte@suttoncommunityfarm.org.uk and we will be in touch. Deadline for applications: Midday, 27 June 2017.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Charlotte on 07817 283685