

**Annual General Meeting of CPRE London: Wednesday 10th June 2026: 6.00 – 8.00pm**

**To be held at The Gallery, 70 Cowcross St, London EC1M 6EJ.**

Please register on-line to attend <http://bit.ly/3Qbn2qu>

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**Programme**

6.00pm: Meeting Opens

6:05pm: Annual General Meetings (Agenda Below)

6:35pm: CPRE London Progress and Priorities

6.55pm: Roger Mortlock, CEO CPRE National “Beyond our Centenary -the future for CPRE”

7:30pm: Informal drinks

8.00pm: Close

**Note:** In 2022, the CPRE London Charity agreed it would change its legal structure to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The organisation is currently in the transition and is operationally one organisation but with two legal entities, requiring separate decisions, as set out below. Only Members can vote for the formal resolutions. Members can appoint a Proxy member to vote on their behalf. Forms are available from the Office.

**AGM Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies Chair
3. Combined Minutes of the AGMs held on 22 May 2025 Hon Secretary
4. Annual Reports of the Trustees 2025\* Chair
  - a) Annual report for the CIO
  - b) Annual report for the Charity
5. Annual Accounts & Treasurer’s Reports for 2025 Treasurer
  - a) Annual Accounts for the CIO and consolidated position
  - b) Annual Accounts for the Charity, including closing position
5. Proposed changes to CIO constitution, inc. 3 year terms for Trustees Hon Secretary
6. Election of Trustees and Honorary Officers Hon Secretary
  - a) Appointments for the CIO
  - b) Appointments for the Charity
7. Any other business, Chair
8. Date of next AGM – proposed date: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2027

\* All papers, including the CIO & Charity Annual Reports & Accounts are available on the website: <https://www.cprelondon.org.uk/news/cpre-london-agm-10-june-2026/>

Hard copies of the documents can also be requested by post before 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026, from CPRE London, at the email [Office@CPRELONDON.org.uk](mailto:Office@CPRELONDON.org.uk) or postal address below

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## **CPRE London CIO and Charity: Annual General Meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026: The Proposed Resolutions**

The Board Members of the CPRE London CIO and the Board Members of the CPRE London Unincorporated Charity propose the following resolutions to Members.

**Resolution 1a** (Item 2 Minutes). That the draft combined minutes of the CIO AGM and the unincorporated Charity AGM of 22 May 2025 be approved, subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting

**Resolution 2a** (Item 3a Trustee Report). That the annual report of the Board of Trustees for the CPRE London CIO for 2025 be approved

**Resolution 2b** (Item 3b Trustee Report). That the annual report of the Board of Trustees for the CPRE London unincorporated Charity for 2025 be approved

**Resolution 3a** (Item 4a Treasurers Report & Accounts: CIO). That the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for the CPRE London CIO for 2025 be approved

**Resolution 3b** (Item 4a Treasurers Report & Accounts: Charity). That the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts for the CPRE London unincorporated Charity for 2025 be approved and that the closing position of the Charity be noted

**Resolution 4** (Item 5 Proposed amendments to the CIO Constitution) That the proposed amendments to the constitution of the CPRE CIO be approved, including extending Trustee terms up to a maximum of 3 years, with maximum service as a trustee remaining at 6 years.

### **Resolution 5a: (Item 6a – See attached Nominations Report)**

That the following nominations are considered for approval for the CPRE London CIO

*For Honorary Officers and Trustees*

Chair: Suzanne Wise, Honorary Secretary: Ian Ashman (For 1 year), Treasurer: Rob Pomphrett (2 Years)

*For General Trustee and Board Member Positions*

Catherine Irving-Johnstone (to end of October 2026)

Owen Anderson (For 1 year)

Helen Monger, Tom Moore, Peter Underwood, Emma Hoskyn, Vivina Vincent (For 2 years)

### **Resolution 5b: (Item 6b – See attached Nominations Report)**

That the following nominations are considered for approval for the CPRE London Unincorporated Charity, for a term up to the closure of the Charity, or for 1 year, whichever is sooner.

*For Honorary Officers and Trustees*

Chair: Suzanne Wise, Treasurer: Rob Pomphrett, Honorary Secretary: Ian Ashman

*For General Trustee and Board Members Positions*

Owen Anderson, Helen Monger

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**Proposals for Revisions to the CIO Constitution**

**Item 4**

**Report By:** Ian Ashman (Hon Secretary) in consultation with the Chair

**Report For:** Decision

### **Summary**

This report makes proposals for revisions to the CIO Constitution, to bring it up to date and to introduce 3 year terms of office for Trustees. These proposals have been approved by the CPRE National Board. The report also makes proposals for the future membership lengths of current Trustees, to align with the 3 year terms.

Note: The revisions to the constitution are summarised in this paper. A copy of the constitution with 'tracked changes' is available electronically, on the CPRE website.

### **Recommendations**

That the proposed amendments to the constitution of the CPRE CIO be approved, including extending Trustee terms up to a maximum of 3 years, with maximum service as a Trustee remaining at a total of 6 years.

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Constitution of the CPRE London CIO was originally approved by the AGM in 2022, with subsequent sign-off and registration by the Charity Commission. It would be timely to update the constitution, now the CIO is operational. Specifically, the Charity Commission registration number needs to be added, and it is proposed to remove the reference to founder members, as the founding stage has now elapsed. There is also a duplicate paragraph which needs removal.
- 1.2 In addition, to the above changes, the Trustee Board has previously discussed a concern that all Trustees are required by the constitution to resign and stand again each year. This carries two risks:
  - Firstly, the absence of a term of office longer than 12 months increases the risk that all, or many trustees/honorary officers could leave at the same time, removing valuable continuity
  - Secondly, it would be possible for a group of members to remove the whole Board at one time, again leading to a loss of continuity. This has occurred with other charities, with a new Board being brought in to radically change policy and direction

The Trustees of the CIO therefore propose changes to the constitution to move towards three-year terms.

- 1.4 Any changes to the constitution require the approval of the CPRE National Board. This requirement is set out in para 29 of the constitution and is common to all local CPREs. This approval was given by the national Board in February 2026. The changes would need to be voted through by 75% of members at the AGM.
- 1.5 The proposed changes are not of the type that the Charity Commission need to approve in advance, though they do need to be informed, if the changes are agreed.

## **2. The Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Trustee Terms**

2.1 The proposed changes are set out in a copy of the constitution, with tracked changes. However, due to the size of the document, the changes are summarised below, and the document is available as a separate document to download.

Page 1 – Previous date of approval of the constitution deleted, and new approval date inserted – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, subject to the agreement of the meeting

Page 1 - Insertion of Charity Commission registration number in the blank space left for this purpose

Page 11 – Clause 11.6.2: removal of square brackets around number 15, the required quorum at the AGM and other Member meetings

Page 15/16 – Clause 12.3: Removal of names of the founder members (all have now left except one, and the CIO is past the founding stage)

Page 16 – Clause 13.1: Introduction of longer terms of office for Trustees of up to three years. Service for part of a year as a co-optee or to fill a casual vacancy no longer count towards maximum service. The maximum term of six whole years remains, as does the ability of trustees to resign at any point.

Page 17 – Clause 14.2: Removal of a duplicate paragraph, which was the same as para 14.1

Page 21 - Clause 21.1.3: Introduction of longer terms of office for Honorary officers, of up to three years. The maximum term of six years remains, as does the ability of Hon Officers to resign at any point. (The Chair can additionally serve 3 years as an ordinary trustee, if its prior to becoming the Chair, as before)

2.2 It will be necessary to take account of the differing lengths of service of current trustees, to spread the renewal dates and align terms to conclude after a maximum of six years. Proposals to achieve this for the CIO are as follows:

- Catherine Irving Johnstone, first appointed 2021, standing for a final 6 month term
- Suzanne Wise, Ian Ashman, Owen Anderson, first appointed in 2024, being appointed for 1 year, with an ability to re-stand for a further 3 years in 2027
- Rob Pomphrett, Helen Monger, Tom Moore, were co-opted in 2024 and first elected Trustees in 2025, being nominated for election for 2 years, with the ability to re-stand in 2028 for a further 3 years
- Emma Hoskyn, Peter Underwood, and Vivina Vincent, first elected in May 2025 also being nominated for a term of 2 years, and able to stand again for a further 3 years in 2028

This proposal achieves the maximum 6-year term for all, should give us some continuity of trustees at all times, and it avoids all the Hon Officers being new at the same time.

Note that, if approved, service as a co-optee does not count towards the maximum service.

2.3 The proposals above are incorporated into the nominations report, which follows.

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**Nominations Report**

**Item 6**

**Report By:** Ian Ashman (Honorary Secretary), in consultation with the Chair

**Report For:** Information and Decision

**1. Summary**

1.1 This report provides the Members at the AGM with proposals for nominations of Trustees and Honorary Officers to the Board of the CPRE London Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), for the year 2026/27 and for the Board of unincorporated CPRE London Charity, for the year 2026. The report should be read in conjunction with report 4, which proposes moving to longer terms of office for the CIO in the future.

**2. Resolutions**

2.1 The resolutions are set out on the previous page.

**3. Background and Constitutional Requirements**

3.1 It has been noted that the unincorporated Charity and the CIO Boards will continue as separate entities, until the former closes, later in 2026. For that reason, nominations need to be made to both. It is also not envisaged that the Charity Board will need to meet often in the lead up to closure, as operational matters, budgets and staffing matters are now being dealt with by the CIO Board.

3.2 The Constitution of the CPRE London unincorporated Charity, updated in 2018, allows for the appointment of three Honorary Officers, a Chair, an Honorary Secretary, a Treasurer and up to 5 additional elected Trustees. A total of 5 appointments are proposed for the rest of 2026, or until closure of the unincorporated Charity, whichever is sooner.

3.3 The Constitution of the CIO approved by the AGM in 2022 states that there shall be a minimum of 5 Trustees, including Honorary Officers, and a maximum of 10. Additional persons may be co-opted to add particular skills, should vacancies arise. The Honorary Officers shall include a Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The Branch may also elect a President, Vice-President and two Vice Chairs, though the latter are not proposed.

3.4 In both the Charity and CIO constitution, all Trustees are currently required to resign at each AGM. The appointment of Honorary Officers and General Trustees is subject to the election by a majority of the Members.

**4. Recruitment of Honorary Officers, Trustees and Nominations**

4.1 There are five Trustees who wish to stand again for the unincorporated Charity, including the Chair, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and two other General Trustees.

4.2 There are ten Trustees who wish to stand again for the CIO, including the Chair, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and six other general trustees. One trustee will stand down in October, having served 6 years.

4.3 The Boards of Trustees of the CIO and the Charity have considered the candidates and recommend them for appointment by the Members of the respective entities at the AGM. Nomination Forms and Declaration of Interest Forms have been received from all candidates.

- 4.4 Summary details of all individuals to the AGM are set out overleaf, along with details of their previous service and nomination period. Any other nominations which may come forward from the Membership will be reported at the AGM.
- 4.5 It is proposed there will be a rigorous public recruitment round in summer 2026, to appoint a new Co-optee, as allowed for by the constitution, one with fund raising experience to replace Cathrine Irving-Johnson.

**1. The following are proposed for election as Honorary Officers of the CIO and the Charity, having been recommended by the current Boards of Trustees.**

**Chair – Suzanne Wise**

Suzanne Wise is a Lawyer by professional background and a sustainability expert. She has been a board director and senior executive with experience across a diverse range of industries ranging from the consumer and manufacturing sectors to the rail sector. She has worked within large, complex and multinational private, public regulated industry and not-for-profit entities, chairing numerous advisory panels and forums, including those advising businesses in the sustainability sector.

Suzanne retired from her executive career in 2022 in order to use her skills to drive more meaningful climate and environmental action. She is a trustee on the Global Board of the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply. They are the world's largest professional procurement body, aiming to transform supply chains to create a sustainable society.

At board level, Suzanne brings strategic leadership, challenge, scrutiny and insight to the organization's strategy and plans via deep expertise in the areas of risk management, governance, compliance, sustainability and ESG, business transformation and stakeholder engagement.

Suzanne has lived in London most of her adult life and currently lives in Central London. She is an avid user of London's existing green spaces. She believes passionately that all parts of society need to take rapid and meaningful climate action, and protecting and enhancing London's green spaces is an essential part of the capital's response to the climate and nature emergencies. She is a member and electoral candidate for the Green Party.

Suzanne was first elected as Chair in 2024. She is nominated for election to the CIO Board as Chair and Trustee for a one year term. This would leave her eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2027, to reach the maximum term; subject to the approval of the report proposing constitutional change.

The nomination for Chair and Trustee of the unincorporated Charity is until closure, or for a year, whichever is sooner.

**Honorary Secretary - Ian Ashman**

Ian is a former further education college Principal in London, who now works as an executive coach and governance adviser to education organisations and charities.

He has a strong interest in the value of the outdoors for health and personal development, having previously on a national outdoor education charity. Ian is a regular user of green spaces in and around London, and lives in Hackney.

Ian was Co-opted in October 2023 and elected as Honorary Secretary and Trustee in 2024. His nomination for election to the CIO Board is as Honorary Secretary and Trustee, for a one year term. This would leave him eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2027, subject to the report's approval.

The nomination for the unincorporated Charity is until closure, or for a year, whichever is sooner.

**Treasurer - Rob Pomphrett**

Rob has strong financial skills, having worked in banking at a senior level for 30+ years, including seven years at Board level at Royal Bank of Canada UK.

He has strong leadership and team working skills, gained from managing multi-disciplinary teams, engaged in complex projects and has successful experience of being the Treasurer for 'Possible' an environmental charity, with a turnover of about £1.5m. He has taken a hands on role, to supporting the small finance team at CPRE, since being appointed.

Rob lives in London and has a commitment to improving the environment and access to green spaces in the Capital and beyond.

Rob was first elected as Treasurer to the Board in in May 2025 and is nominated for election to the CIO Board for a two-year term as Treasurer and Trustee. This would leave him eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, subject to the report's approval

The nomination for the unincorporated Charity is until closure, or for a year, whichever is sooner.

**2. The following are proposed for election to the CIO and Charity Boards, having been nominated as General Trustees and having been recommended by the current Boards of Trustees**

**Owen Anderson**

Owen Anderson is an experienced and qualified energy and sustainability professional. He is currently Head of Sustainability at OVO and acts as a mentor at the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment. He would like to help CPRE London develop corporate partnerships and sponsorship.

Owen has a strong personal as well as a professional interest in the environment and lives in Hackney.

He was Co-opted as an adviser to the Board in October 2023 and elected as Trustee in 2024, and is nominated for election to the CIO Board as a Trustee, for a one year term. This would make him eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2027, subject to the report's approval.

The nomination for the unincorporated Charity is until closure, or for a year, whichever is sooner.

**Helen Monger**

Helen is a passionate campaigner for protecting community green space, with a proven record of leading high profile campaigns, including successful High court challenges and lobbying of the Houses of Parliament.

She is a case officer with the Open Spaces Society, defending public rights over land. She has significant experience in the natural and built heritage sectors, assessing major grants for the National Heritage Lottery Fund. As Director of the London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust she ran London Open Gardens, a flagship event involving hundreds of volunteers and thousands of visitors.

She has undertaken public speaking, including lectures and meetings, and has chaired 'town hall' meetings. She is a proud Londoner and an enthusiastic cyclist

Helen was Co-opted to the Board in October 2024 and was first elected in in May 2025. She is nominated for election to the CIO Board for a two-year term. This would leave her eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, subject to the report's approval.

The nomination for the unincorporated Charity is until closure, or for a year, whichever is sooner.

**3. The following are proposed for election to the CIO Board only, having been nominated as General Trustees and having been recommended by the current Board of Trustees of the CIO**

**Catherine Irving Johnstone**

Catherine has valuable experience in community, corporate and legacy fundraising and supporter engagement at two leading national charities, Cancer Research UK and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

As a born-and-bred Londoner, Catherine is committed to protecting green space for all in the city and has a particular interest in promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.

Catherine was Co-opted as a Trustee in October 2021 and has been elected since 2022. She wishes to stand down later this year and is therefore nominated to stand for the CIO Board until the end of October 2026. This will enable her to assist in selecting of a co-optee with fund-raising experience.

**Tom Moore**

Tom has strong experience in media, especially social media, having worked for Google UK at a senior level for 16 years, helping clients make the most of the web.

He has strong leadership and team working skills, gained from developing partnerships and collaborations. He has a commitment, as a Londoner, to improving the environment and access to green spaces in the Capital

Tom was Co-opted to the Board in October 2024 and was first elected in May 2025. He is nominated for election to the CIO Board for a two-year term. This would leave him eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, subject to the report's approval.

### **Peter Underwood**

Peter spent more than 10 years supporting business development, campaigning and undertaking practical ecology development services with the Conservation Volunteers Charity; having previously worked in the UK civil service.

He has extensive experience working with and leading people in paid and voluntary roles as well as experience being a paid and a volunteer member of teams. Peter lives and is active in supporting green space in South London. He is also a member of the Green Party.

Peter was Co-opted to the Board in November 2024 and was first elected in May 2025. He is standing for election for the second time for a two-year term. This would leave him eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, to reach the maximum term; subject to the approval of the report proposing constitutional change.

### **Emma Hoskyn**

Emma has spent over 18 years working in sustainable real estate, most of which was at the real estate consultancy, JLL. She has helped developers, building owners and occupiers to appreciate how their buildings and developments interact with the environment and how protect that which is most valuable in the fight against climate change – nature. She has held numerous Executive Board and committee positions which provides her with a perspective on good governance and business management, to complement her technical understanding of climate change, sustainability and the UK's regulatory landscape.

Emma has lived in and around London for most of her life and appreciates everything which makes it a great city – including its vast array of green and blue spaces.

Emma was first appointed in May 2025 and is nominated for election to the CIO Board for a two-year term. This would leave her eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, subject to the report's approval.

### **Vivina Vincent**

Vivina is an experienced and qualified environment professional who is currently the Carbon Neutral Programme Manager at Croydon Council, where she manages the Borough's climate change and adaptation work, providing strategic leadership on local climate initiatives. She previously worked at the Energy Saving Trust, delivering grant programmes to support the decarbonisation of transport across the UK.

Vivina began her career as a finance professional in India and made a career shift to sustainability in London after a varied lived and community volunteering experience in different Asian countries and UK. She is a climate and degrowth enthusiast, committed to the principle of working in harmony with nature, drawing on her Indian heritage.

She was first appointed in May 2025 and is nominated for election for a two-year term. This would make her eligible to stand for a further 3 years in 2028, to reach the maximum term; subject to the approval of the report proposing constitutional change.