

## **BALLOT AND THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

There will be a ballot among the civic societies registered with the Civic Society Initiative for six of the trustees. These trustees will all be members of a civic society. The ballot will be held in late March/early April and guide the appointment of the new governing body. Each civic society is expected to be able to vote for up to 3 candidates depending on the number of applications received.

The constitution of Civic Voice allows for a nominations committee to be set up by the governing body. A shadow nominations committee has been established at this initial stage to review all candidates against the desired skills and experience for trustees and to recommend the candidates they think are best placed to fulfil the roles. The preferences of the shadow nominations committee will be visible to all civic societies when voting for their preferred candidates.

We will notify all candidates of the results of the ballot in advance of the public launch of the new national body on 17 April and hope that everyone who is successful will be able to attend the launch.

The Chair and Treasurer can come through the voting procedures or be appointed to their roles as co-opted members.

A background note on the three person shadow nominations committee is below. Candidates should not separately approach the nominations committee.

### Peter Tapscott

Peter has a BSc in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from City University, 1967. Peter enjoyed a long and fulfilling career in delivering computer-based control and monitoring systems to those organisations responsible for providing infrastructure facilities for the developing world. He took early retirement in 2000 at the age of 56. Having previously had little involvement with the British public sector, his new-found retirement career in community matters was a severe culture shock. In 2010, he is still adjusting to it.

Peter soon found that the civic society movement was a great source of stimulation, providing a 'way in' to local affairs. He attended a Civic Trust Pathfinders Course in Coventry and became the Chairman of his local civic society (Corsham). He discovered the value of the Heritage Lottery Fund as a means of financing restoration and reminding the community how and why things it now takes for granted came to be erected in the first place. Peter is now a director of a Development Trust that runs a Tourist Information & Heritage Centre.

Until its demise in April 2009, Peter sat on the Civic Trust's National Committee for Civic Societies, taking a special interest in aspects relating to

the 'Inner South West' area of the country. In the autumn of 2009 he began to develop a 'cluster' (see *Own the Future*) for the area defined by Wiltshire, (South) Gloucestershire, (East) Somerset, Dorset, Bristol, Bath and Swindon.

### Ann Bartleet

For more than 20 years Ann was secretary of a federation of amenity societies in north east Essex. Subsequent to that she has pursued her interest in historic buildings and their setting through membership of the trustee bodies of two building preservation trusts. As Chairman of the Copped Hall Trust she helped ensure a viable future for this, then derelict classic 18<sup>th</sup> century house close to the M25. She is currently a trustee of the North East Essex Building Preservation Trust. Ann has also served as national Vice Chairman of CPRE, Chairman of CPRE Essex and on the Council and the Executive of the National Trust. She is currently a member of the National Trust Regional Committee for the East of England.

### Laura Sandys

Laura's father, Duncan Sandys, founded the Civic Trust in 1957. Laura was Deputy Chairman up until 2005. She was a Trustee of Open University one of Britain's great institutions and was Chairman of openDemocracy. She is now President of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. She is the Conservative Party's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Thanet South and a member of David Cameron's Democracy Taskforce and the Quality of Life Taskforce.