

## Supporting information for those standing for election

**Tara Bowers:** I've been working on the Healthy Homes project since January, having previously worked in the renewable energy and fuel poverty sector both in North Devon at 361 Energy and Hampshire since 2013. As a Director I would be able to bring additional skills and experience to ECOE, in particular, marketing and strategic guidance, as well as general 'running a small business' skills. I have 11 years finance, marketing and management experience in the banking sector, and since 1998 have been an entrepreneur running my own small businesses. I am keen to help drive ECOE forward, through supporting both existing and new projects.

**Andy Extance:** As a freelance science writer who often covers climate change, having work published by The Guardian, New Scientist, Scientific American and many other outlets <https://muckrack.com/andyextance> , I am strongly aware of the importance of renewable power generation. My partner and I therefore invested in ECOE during the 2015 share offering and have been keenly following its progress since then. Now that an opportunity has arisen to help out in a more active role I'm therefore keen to offer my skills to benefit ECOE, particularly in its communication activities. I'm also treasurer of the Association of British Science Writers, <https://www.absw.org.uk/> and director of my own science writing, proofreading and editing company Exeter Empirical, <http://exeterempirical.com/> so hope to bring some of the experience that has provided to bear as well.

**David Thompson:** David trained as a biochemist and was subsequently employed as a management consultant by PriceWaterhouse Coopers and IBM. His experience includes project management, business case development, stakeholder management, data and options analysis and the preparation and delivery of proposals, presentations and reports. David was one of the first volunteers at the Centre for Alternative Technology and now holds investments in various renewable energy and social enterprises including Bristol Energy Cooperative, Dart Renewables and Ecotricity. David is a member of the Ramblers, an active participant in a local creative writing group and a school governor. As a semi-retired independent consultant, he moved to Exeter in 2017. David strongly supports the ethos and objectives of Exeter Community Energy and believes his experience and time can be of value in ensuring its continued success and further development.

### To be co-opted

**James Haigh:** I started as the Energy and Generation Engineer in the Energy Team at South West Water (SWW) in January, 2018; and at the end of 2017, I achieved the distance-learning qualification of Postgraduate Diploma in Renewable Energy Development from Heriot Watt University. I believe that both of these would stand me in good stead for being a director for ECOE. Prior to starting at SWW, I worked in an unrelated field, but I always wanted to work in the Energy sector, as my study outside of work indicates. I have a passion for natural and renewable energy resources, I am an advocate for anti-climate change initiatives and I am determined and motivated to make a difference in this field. To a certain extent, the SWW position allows me scope to do all three of these, so am very pleased to have been given the opportunity to work and develop at the company. I would aim to bring skills that I am acquiring at SWW to the table at ECOE and I feel that this voluntary position would compliment both my professional endeavours and ethos. At SWW, I am developing expertise in solar, hydro, CHP and wind systems' management, I am experienced in dealing with generation issues and liaising with internal operators and external contractors to resolve matters as soon as practicable and am developing useful connections and relevant experience every day.