



BrisLETS' monthly roundup of events, achievements, and plans.

How do you value Local Energy Trading Systems?

Copied from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

A **local exchange trading system** (also **local employment and trading system** or **local energy transfer system**; abbreviated LETS) is a locally initiated, democratically organised, not-for-profit community enterprise that provides a community information service and records transactions of members exchanging goods and services by using locally created currency.

LETS networks facilitate exchange between members by providing a directory of offers and needs and by allowing a line of interest-free credit to each. Members' IOUs are logged in a centralised accounting system which publishes a directory as well as balances visible to all members. In case of a default, the loss of value or units is absorbed equally by all members, which makes it a mutual credit exchange. For instance, a member may earn credit by doing childcare for one person and spend it later on carpentry with another person in the same network, or they may spend first and earn later.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oicQ2xFiIc> is an interview with Dr. Gabor Maté. He talks about connection being important from child to adult, based historically on how humans needed connection to survive in a family group/village.

BrisLETS gives members connection through trading to get needs met, and emotionally through relationships in social interaction, learning and common values, interests etc.

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This Trading Day
Sun 19th August 2021
Albion Peace Hall
1-4pm, AGM 2pm also on zoom

Following Trading Day
September
Sun 19th September 2021
Albion Peace Hall

Deadlines

*NewsLETS stories, notices,
advertising and reports:
Sun 5th September 2021
for publication on
Sun 12th September 2021*

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It's AGM time again and we need a President!

We have received nominations for secretary (Jessie Scott) and treasurer (Kelly Watts). All other positions will take nominations from the floor as none were received by Sunday 8th August 2021

Due to the lockdown being lifted, we will have the AGM at the Albion Peace Hall starting 2pm. To allow those unable to access the hall, we will be streaming the meeting via zoom so everyone can participate and we can make quorum.

We have created a Brislets Zoom link. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/5609940566?pwd=QnlTS3d5R1pWMVIyK3JvMWZlNWUxQT09> Meeting ID: 560 994 0566 Passcode: AGM

A President sets the tone for the group along with the management committee members. The Management Committee (voting & attends meetings) is entrusted with the legal requirements to keep us incorporated; works with members to make trading meaningful and fulfilling; and networks with other organisations in the community.

- **President:** Chairs meetings to keep legal, public head
- **Secretary:** keeps & publishes minutes, ensure legal meetings
- **Treasurer:** keeps & reports legal accounts
- **Membership Secretary:** Receives applications & helps members
- **Committee member:** votes

The **Management Support Team** (non voting, no meetings)

- **CES Website Administrator:** updates & works with Global CES, helps members transfer between LETS etc.
- **BrisLETS Website Administrator:** posts events and content, backs up & updates wordpress, plugins etc, loads media & links
- **Trading Facilitator:** opens and closes hall, helps members trade
- **Local Area Contacts:** work with local members share information to build local community and promote trading
- **Drop Off Point Hosts:** secure accessible space for members to drop off and pick up items
- **Mediators:** to work with members having issues
- **Events Coordinator(s): Onsite & Online:** work with other team members to create and host events.
- **Promotion Team Coordinator:** planning and working with team members to have a co-ordinated approach to promote LETS.
 - **Newsletter Editor:** sources and writes content, edits (or asks other editors to do so) and publishes a monthly newsletter.
 - **Social Media Moderators** (Facebook groups)
 - **Social Media Admins:** (Facebook groups & page)

- **Graphic Artist & Marketing:**
- **Fundraising & Grants:** Members are warmly welcomed to fill vacancies. Please go to the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page to see descriptions of all jobs. Teams work on [Slack](#).



Please welcome new member: BLCE1436 Deborah from Morayfield offering In season fruit & veg, marketing, Shiatsu / Body-energetic Work / Reiki.

Please see the latest offers and wants sent out with the newsletter.

To make the most of the offers and wants sent out, please update them so that the CES picks up the latest activity and ensures a great experience for anyone trying to connect with you to trade.



CES News Update

<https://www.communityexchange.net.au>



Christmas Party

July Trading Day

Sunday 18th July Trading Day was a small but very enjoyable day in the Holland Park Library.

Colleen South, musician extraordinaire created a great atmosphere with her Piano Accordion and Ukelele having us singing and telling great stories - really stirred the emotions.



The raffle will be drawn at the AGM this Sunday

Grab some tickets to make it worthwhile please.



BOGI FAIR

This year the BOGI Fair will be on Sunday 29th of August 2021 (2 weeks after AGM) from 9-3pm.

Our stall has been paid for and will be under the overhang like it used to be. We usually have members trading as well as talking to people manning the other stalls and visitors.

Please let Jessie know if you are able to be part of a roster for the day at the stall, have items to trade etc. Judith has said she will be there. In the past, items labelled (what it is, price) by the seller, have been sold and 10% of units earned (\$ if buyer is not a member) received go to BrisLETS admin, and rest go to seller.

There was an opportunity to do a presentation in the main hall, but we could also do one in the stall. Holger has fixed the one BrisLETS laptop and The Peace Hall now has WiFi.

Members who have ideas for a presentation or be part of a team planning and presenting it etc are encouraged to contact Jessie.



Memories

New Farm Library



Paul's Place



Fred's Place

September Trading Day

The next Trading Day will be at Michael and Isabelle's on 19th September.

We have had many wonderful Trading Days here. Address etc in the next newsletter.



Xmas Party 2013

Newsletter

Doing the newsletter has involved me more in events, makes me record the history of LETS in both words and photos.

While advertising the upcoming events, introducing the new members, it shows us what we have achieved - and how precious those relationships are.

I battle with technology and am not a natural story teller like some of our amazing members are - it takes a lot of time it shouldn't be because it's hard work for me.

It's time for someone who can use words to inspire and motivate trading to take over - I will support them according to their skills.



Benarrawa Community Development Association



Kris's Place



Rob's Place



Geeta's Place



Marg's room LETS built



Amanda's Place