

CUO trustee statements

John Hall

I have been actively campaigning against the West Cumbria Coal Mine for several years. My passions are Climate, Climate Justice and Nature.

My other roles are: secretary of Kendal Conservation Volunteers (KCV), active member of Kendal Parish Church Environment Action group (KEPCEA), president of the Kendal Mountain Search and Rescue Team, and part time dentist working at the dental access centre in Kendal.

Anna Hall

Since 2019, when I first heard of the coal mine issue, I have been with an informal group, who, under the guidance of SLACC members, acted to challenge the coal mine. This included speaking at the judicial enquiry, protesting – including outside the Glasgow COP – and giving support to those taking part in the appeal in London 2024. Having got so far I want to play my part in helping to enable, where possible, the finishing of what SLACC started.

I have worked at Kendal Museum for over 20 years and our tag line was ‘Where History and Nature Meet’, very appropriate for this campaign. I have experience as a museum trustee and I am active in the local Quaker sustainability group.

Henry Adams

My PhD research was in applied ecology and entomology, but I then gained employment surveying potential SSSIs and notifying SSSIs for their botanical interest. I became especially interested in peatland ecology and helped give legal protection to peatlands in Cumbria for their wildlife habitat value, though back then (many

decades ago!) without fully realizing their climate importance.

achieve very little on my own. I had to retire early from my outdoor survey and monitoring work in the 20-teens due to failing eyesight, and decided to increase my spare time work trying to stop fossil fuel projects and anything favouring fossil fuels such as ISDS in trade agreements etc. This is why I became involved with GJN and SLACCtt,

Dave Plumb

Recent relevant experience: Committee member and treasurer of Sustainability and Energy Network (SENS) in Staveley which manages various grant monies for Clean the River Kent Campaign and Community Ebikes. During 2024 SENS managed a joint grant fund with the Staveley with Ings Parish Council.

Administrator and treasurer of a volunteer group supporting refugees settled in Kendal and managing grant funding for that purpose.

Trustee and treasurer of Staveley Community Trust which sought to effect a community asset transfer of a building in Staveley for future use meeting local needs, particularly for the local elderly population. Now retired from this position.

Formerly involved as a Director in establishing credit union services in Cumbria.

Sue Walley

I have been a supporter of SLACC ever since its inception and have been highly impressed by what SLACC has achieved in many areas of sustainability and climate change activism.

Relevant experience to this role as Trustee of SLACC (Unincorporated):

I was a Non Exec Board member of Amnesty International UK Section; Non- Exec board member of the NHS Information Authority; and more recently Trustee of Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfs).

I was a founder member of Sustainability and Energy Network in Staveley (SENS).

Maggie Mason

Maggie moved to Kendal from Sheffield in 2001, helped organise the public meeting that led to SLACC and took the treasurer role in the new charity. As a minerals and waste planner at Cumbria CC she worked on climate and fossil fuel issues and, after retiring, coordinated the opposition to the Whitehaven coal mine. She has 5 sons and 8 grandchildren and is currently national Chair of Global Justice Now.

Chris Rowley

Chris Rowley

Chris worked as a teacher and then as a teacher trainer at Charlotte Mason College Ambleside and, subsequently, Cumbria University. After specialising in geography and environmental education he moved increasingly towards the early development of “philosophy for children” using story and questioning as an approach to learning. He has been a member of SLACC since it began in 2008 and, after retiring in 2011, has been active various projects including use of the bike generator to promote energy awareness. In his spare time Chris enjoys cycling and walking as well as his allotment. Since May 2018 Chris has been a Green Party town councillor for Kendal Strickland in which role he was involved in the development of the Citizens Jury as well as sitting on Environment & Highways; Planning; Kendal in Bloom and Allotment committees.

Alan Lovett

Alan joined SLACC in 2021 and is now ready for more involvement. Alan worked with the South Lakeland Credit Union Working group from 2013 and sat on the South Lakeland Credit Union board from its inception in 2015 until its merger with Eden Credit Union in 2016. He was responsible for the computer systems. In recent years Alan was Treasurer of the FELLas male choir and is organiser of the Ramblers Plus walking group in South Lakes U3A. Alan lived in Preston before moving to Kendal in 2012, and was active in the Labour Party and the local Woodcraft Folk, holding various posts as Treasurer and Chairperson. Before retirement Alan worked as a Computer Consultant specialising in middleware systems and software development.

Angela Lovett

I have been a SLACC trustee for seven years, some of them as Chair, mostly involved in governance matters such as development of policies and liaison with the Charity Commission. I am standing down as a trustee of the CIO for personal reasons but would like to continue for the moment with the CUO. This would be to assist with the administrative detail required to complete the winding up of that organisation.