The Member Engagement Committee

The Member Engagement Committee is responsible for influencing and reviewing the member engagement strategy set by the Board and being implemented by management.

The Committee is also responsible for approving applications for funding made to the Society's Community Fund and has delegated this task to a grants panel made up of five committee members.

Anyone can nominate themselves provided they have been a member of the Society for at least six months. In past years, there has been a £250 spend threshold which has to be met in order to qualify however, this year the Board have decided to waiver the spend threshold for the Committee.

There are 9 places on the Committee. This year we have also introduced three Young Co-operator positions. ‘Young Co-operator’ is defined as any member under the age of 30.

In terms of practicalities, you should be aware of the following:

* Meetings - there are five meetings a year, currently held on Saturdays from 10:00am until approximately 2:00pm (this is reviewed each year to determine when best to meet)
* There may be an additional meeting with the Board of the Society once a year
* At the first meeting of the year members have the opportunity to stand for a one-year term on the Society’s Environmental Steering Group and the Society’s Community Fund grants body
* Meeting venues - meetings are normally held at the Society’s Head Office in Warwick. Transport costs are reimbursed. Although given the recent circumstances, these have been held via Microsoft Teams.
* Preparation work - papers are circulated several days in advance of each meeting
* Term of office - the term of office is three years.
* Term of Office for Young Co-operator positions – the term of office is dependent on the position in the ballot n.b either 1, 2 or 3 years.
* Training - Committee members are given the opportunity to develop their skills through training courses if they wish
* Fees - Committee members are paid a fee which currently stands at £646 per year. An extra fee is also paid for those who sit on the Community Fund Grants Panel.
* Other information - Committee members are invited to Society events and activities from time to time and may be asked to represent the Committee at external events
* For more information please contact the Secretary - [edward.parker@midcounties.coop](mailto:edward.parker@midcounties.coop) - 01926 516 006
* For more information regarding the Young Co-operators elections, please email [YCN@midcounties.coop](mailto:YCN@midcounties.coop).