

# The Land and Water Co-operative



## OBJECTIVES

- > To institute an economy of land in the area of the Forth and Clyde canal from Pinkston to Firhill, in favour of those who actively use it.
  - > To seize unused land-assets through acts of recommanage.
  - > To lock & retain this land as a commons for individual and collective benefit according to community-defined rules.
- > To improve collaboration between local communities by utilising skills and assets in order to stagnate speculative development of the area.
  - > To provide for localised forms of governance.

## A PROTOCOL FOR THE COMMONS (June 2018)

The below protocol outlines powers and responsibilities of the Land and Water Cooperative (“The Co-operative”) regarding all land within 300 m of the Forth and Clyde Canal, Glasgow (“The Land” when referred to in totality, or “The Land-shares” when referring to individual plots).

### 1. The Co-operative is the freeholder of The Land. There is no individual ownership of land within the area.

- 1.1 The Land is divided into Land-shares of 10 m<sup>2</sup> surface area.
- 1.2 Right of use of one or more Land-shares is determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Co-operative.
- 1.3 All active users of Land-shares (“Useholders”) are mandatory members of The Co-operative.
- 1.4 Useholders may propose specific locations (“plots”) for Land-shares. This must be agreed at a Co-operative meeting (“Chairholders’ assembly”).
- 1.5 Useholders must clearly mark Land-share plots with a land-post.

### 2. Common rights of use.

- 2.1 50% of The Land is maintained for collective use by all members of The Co-operative and the wider public.
- 2.2 All members of The Co-operative have right of passage through the entirety of The Land, unless otherwise agreed at an AGM.

### 3. Useholders’ rights of use.

- 3.1 The right of use of a Land-share is conditional. Land-shares should be kept in active use, without obstructing or hindering the wider community.
- 3.2 Land that is not kept in active use will be requisitioned and transferred to the general pool of land.
- 3.3 Users and tenants already active in The Land will be granted a respective amount of shares to continue their current activities.
- 3.4 Useholders must act in a manner consistent with the ethos and principles of The Co-operative.
- 3.5 Objects and Structures may be constructed by Useholders on Land-shares, but must be temporary and movable.
- 3.6 A land charge will be collected from each Land-share. Charges collected from Useholders will be used to maintain a fund for the recommanage of additional land by The Co-operative OR will be used to maintain common land for collective use by Co-operative members and the public.
- 3.7 Duration of the right of use depends on the use and site location. This may be reviewed at an AGM or Chairholders’ Assembly.
- 3.8 In special cases, an EGM may be called to take action. If necessary land can be requisitioned by The Co-operative with a 2/3 majority.