



**Report of meeting** held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ  
See: **Notes of Open Research Group meeting on 21st Feb 2018:** [OpenResearchGroup-180221](#)

**Present:** Janos (chair), Kyle, Mary (notes). Apologies: Ashburn, Ellena, Dagem, Ahmet, Bob, Henry, John Mc, Liliias, Paul, Philip, Sandra, Steve, Trevor, William

As there were only three of us, it was agreed to defer the presentation that Kyle was intending to give for a future meeting.

Following on from John McCone's presentation last week on the **Countryside Living Allowance** – Mary said she had managed to read the booklet John McCone had given her on this topic – which is available via the Blurb website: <http://www.blurb.com/b/8487802-the-countryside-living-allowance>.

She felt that she could not evaluate the calculations because they depends on a thorough understanding of Land Value Tax, originally proposed by Henry George [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_George](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_George) in his seminal work: Progress & Poverty, and taken up by a number of radicals including Fred Harrison: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fred\\_Harrison\\_\(author\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fred_Harrison_(author)) • who has written prolifically: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Books-Fred-Harrison/s?ie=UTF8&page=1&rh=n%3A266239%2Cp\\_27%3AFred%20Harrison](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Books-Fred-Harrison/s?ie=UTF8&page=1&rh=n%3A266239%2Cp_27%3AFred%20Harrison)

**THE  
COUNTRYSIDE  
LIVING  
ALLOWANCE**

by

**JOHN MCCONE**

The idea of a Land Value Tax has also been taken up by the Labour Party:  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/analysis-and-features/labour-manifesto-land-value-tax-what-is-it-how-work-election-2017-a7739186.html>  
• <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/29/tax-homes-treble-labour-plans-land-value-tax/>

In discussion, a major concern with John's proposals, the main idea of which is to incentive individuals to move to the countryside was raised in relation to planning permission. Local Authorities have policies in place to preserve "green belt" which would prevent individuals from living in the single dwellings envisaged in these plans, with individuals creating low-cost:  
<https://urbanistarchitecture.co.uk/how-to-get-planning-permission-for-building-on-greenbelt-land-in-the-uk/> • <https://www.homebuilding.co.uk/building-in-the-countryside-planning-permission/>

The Land is Ours, a project specialising in Low Impact Development, have published specific advice on planning permission: <http://tlio.org.uk/diy-planning-handbook-chapter-1/>. They are currently revising their DIY Planning Handbook: <http://tlio.org.uk/chapter7/chapter7-publications/>

Co-operation with others to provide facilities for water supply, sewage, electricity and wifi, all easily available in built-up areas would encourage people, whether recipients of CLA or not point to the advantages of the advantages of Communal Living, enabling people to share resources, which has been championed for decades by Diggers & Dreamers: <http://www.diggersanddreamers.org.uk>.

MF/mf/180303– see other information and links on: <http://globaltable.org.uk/wp/archives/7032>