

Personal Statement by Lindsay Stirton for Treasurer

Lindsay Stirton is Professor of Public Law at the University of Sussex. Lindsay includes Basic Income among numerous academic interests, and he has written widely on the theoretical and practical issues in implementing basic income. His work on basic income has appeared in highly reputable journals and is highly cited. Outside of his academic life, Lindsay serves as Liberal Democrat Councillor in his adopted home town of Seaford. He is one of Seaford Town Council's two representatives on the Board of Lewes District Citizens Advice, and as such he is acutely aware of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and austerity policies on the lives of residents of Seaford. Previous voluntary experience includes a spell as Secretary of a Cycling UK affiliated cycling club. He has been a co-opted member of BIEN Executive Committee since January, and in that time he has been shadowing the current Treasurer. In his spare time he runs marathons. As an organisation, BIEN is experiencing a period of growth and change. In line with the changing nature of the basic income debate, BIEN has steadily become a more ambitious organisation, attracting a number of large project grants from charitable foundations. If elected Treasurer, I would work to ensure that the finances of BIEN can continue to support such heightened ambitions, that these projects can continue into the future on a sustainable footing, and that BIEN would have the financial and administrative capacity to take on new projects, if it so desired. I will continue the emphasis of the existing Treasurer on issues of good governance and compliance, from which BIEN has come to benefit. My legal background equips me to handle BIEN's various reporting obligations, most notably to the Charity Commission.