THE BRITISH THORACIC SOCIETY

SUSTAINABILITY TRUSTEE – 2027-2029

The role of Sustainability Trustee was created in 2022 in recognition of the increasing importance of sustainability and environmental health care issues. Dr LJ Smith will come to the end of her term of office as Sustainability Trustee in November 2026. The Society invites members to apply for this important role. The successful applicant will take up the role in early 2027 and serve for three years until November 2029.

Scope and Requirements of the Post

The successful candidate will become a Trustee of the Society and member of the Board.

The Trustee will lead a number of activities during their tenure including:

- A review/update of the Society's position statement on air quality (produced in 2022)
- A review/update of the Society's position statement on the environment and lung health (produced in 2024)
- Oversight and development of the BTS sustainability toolkit (including identification of/commissioning supporting information and examples)
- Close liaison with the Society's core committees to ensure that sustainability and environmental health care issues are considered appropriately in the work streams of each committee.

The Trustee will represent BTS on a number of groups and at selected meetings including (but not limited to):

- The UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC)
- Healthy Air Coalition
- RCP London activities as needed

The Trustee will be supported by the Society's staff in relation to the activities of the role. The Society will call for members of short term working groups to support the delivery of agreed activities as needed.

The successful candidate will serves as a Trustee of the Society during the time they are in post, joining the Board as it oversees the delivery of the Society's strategic objectives (as summarised in the Strategic Plan) and with particular responsibility for any work undertaken in this area.

The Trustee will provide a regular report to the BTS Board of Trustees at both formal meetings and to the Officers on an interim basis.

The Trustee may also be asked to represent BTS in press/media communications (with the support of the BTS Communications Team).

Before the Trustee is appointed, they will be asked to submit an updated Declaration of Interest form, if this is not already available. This will be submitted to the Chair of the Board (of Trustees) and Honorary Secretary for approval before the appointment is confirmed.

Time commitment

The Society's Board meets 4-5 times a year. There will be up to one or two other meetings that require attendance each month (although this may vary greatly), together with regular contact with BTS Head Office.

The work involved in undertaking this role is in the region of 2-3 hours per week, although this varies depending on the time of year and if there are any special pieces of work following Board or other meetings.

Any member who wishes to know more should contact Sally Welham by email (via sally.welham@brit-thoracic.org.uk.)

How to apply

Members wishing to be considered for the post should apply by sending a brief statement outlining suitability for the role, plus a short CV (2-3 pages) to sally.welham@brit-thoracic.org.uk no later than **5pm, Monday 18 January 2027**. An interview with Officers will take place via Teams following the closing date. It is recommended that any member considering applying for this post discusses it with their Trust/employer to gain approval prior to application.

Chief Executive October 2026
Next review: April 2029