## BOARD NOMINATION FORM

**Nomination for the Board of Friends of the Earth Scotland**

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Susan Lane\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Mark Ballard\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Matthew Crighton\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and, if elected, agree to abide by the FoES Code of Conduct.

Signature of candidate stating willingness to serve:

\_\_\_\_S M Lane\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_23 May 2023\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Short statement giving reasons for wishing to participate in FoES Board and skills and expertise that the candidate will bring:

Why FOES board?

I recently evolved from paid work giving me more time to work on issues that concern and motivate me including another board position. The most important issues to me are the twin emergencies of Climate change and Biodiversity. I am a founding member of our local Bruntsfield Action Net Zero Action Initiative (banzaiedinburgh.org.uk) which local residents established in 2021 and am our Activism and Campaigning circle lead. I am involved in many national and international campaigns and organisations and have been particularly impressed by FoES convening and coalition building work e.g. the recent event at Summerhall which I attended. I have been a member of FoE England for a  while but only recently switched from England to Scotland.

In terms of my background and skills:

I was a civil servant for just over 20 years, overseas and then in the UK:  firstly, for Dept for International Development and then for the last 7 years for Scottish Government (SG). My last 2 years at SG  were climate and biodiversity related moving through senior programme management and policy roles on Green Skills & Jobs, COP26 and then COP27. I am in the process of checking with the Director of Energy and Climate change that she would have no objection to me joining FOES board.

I have strong board experience, having served with the Rock Trust youth homeless charity since 2019 The charity is growing rapidly and I sit on the Finance Audit and Risk subcommittee from which I led the revision of the organisations approach to risk. Previously I represented the UK’s Dept for Int Development on a cross UKG Conflict prevention board.

My  background qualifications are an Economics & Accountancy degree from Edinburgh , Chartered Accountancy (England & Wales) and training with Price Waterhouse, London)  and an MBA with the Open University. After 3 years with PW required to qualify, I moved to Oxfam as their Chief Internal Auditor, and then moved overseas with them in finance roles and then into broader management overseas with other INGOs: Save the Children, and CARE International.  I moved to the UK Govt (Dept for International Development) permanently in 2000 and worked for them for 9 years in Nigeria and then Kenya as Governance Adviser to their development programmes, designing, managing and advising a range of programmes. In 2009, I returned to Edinburgh and continued working for DFID on Governance policy and programming. In 2015 I moved across to the Scottish Government where I worked in Housing for 3 years; set up a new £150m Building Scotland fund as a precursor to the Scottish National Investment Bank, managed  the Covid 19 Health supplies programme and then moved onto the climate and biodiversity work outlined above.