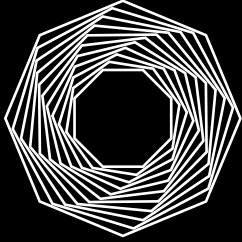


Thursday 1st November 2012 at 7.00pm  
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# Ely Cathedral Business Group *Discussion*

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**Theme:** *Ownership should not be considered as the 'right to sell', but rather as the 'responsibility to nurture'.*

**Discussion:** *Exploring behaviours and structures in business that deliver sustainability.*

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# Ali Parsa

Chief Executive & Co-founder of Circle Partnership

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Ali Parsa is a social entrepreneur and co-founder of Circle. His personal belief that employees should own the companies they work for has pioneered a new model of delivery in UK healthcare. Prior to Circle, Ali was an Executive Director of Goldman Sachs' European Technology Investment banking team. He also worked at Merrill Lynch and Credit Suisse First Boston. He was the founder of Victoria and Gilan, a media company, and a recipient of the Royal Award for UK Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Ali has a PhD in Engineering Physics from the University of London.

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# Robert Hallam

Managing Director, John Lewis Cambridge

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Robert joined the John Lewis Partnership in 1987 after graduating in Chemistry and Business Studies from Warwick University. In 2007 he was appointed Managing Director John Lewis Cambridge (formerly Robert Sayle) overseeing the opening of a new branch in the city, a role he currently holds. From 2008 to earlier this year he was, in addition, Managing Director of John Lewis Norwich. In those recent roles he had responsibility for leading a team of nearly 1,400 Partners.

Within the democratic character of John Lewis, Robert was elected in 2009 by his teams to be their representative on the Partnership Council – a council which is the corporate Governing Authority and which holds the Chairman and Partnership Board to account. Currently he is leading a comprehensive Partnership wide review of how the democratic structures will support the unique co-ownership model as the business grows. He also sits on the Partnership pension group.

Externally Robert has held a number of directorships, primarily linked to retail, over his career. He is currently a Director on the Cambridge City Centre Partnership and sits on an advisory board to Cambridge chaplaincy. Early in 2012 he was appointed as a non executive director to the board of Westminster Abbey Enterprises.

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