

Annual General Meeting of Friends Southern Summer Events (FSSE) held at Friends House London on 17 November 2018

Present

Anna Trethewey, Becky Moylett, Bernard Leaser, Bryony Rowntree, Candia Crosfield, Charlotte Lake (Southern Marches AM), Charlotte Sainsbury (Kingston & Wandsworth AM), David Holtam, Graham Torr, Gwen De Sousa Correa, James Barnard, Katie Ulrick, Kathy Gibbs, Katy Oliver, Keith Walton, Margaret Lee, Matt Baker, Michael Wood, Oliver Waterhouse, Olivia Sewell Risley, Pete Slade, Rob Johnson, Ruth Jesson Smith, Tavi Austin, Tessa Brown

Apologies

Agnes Jones, Eleanor Brooks, Emily Collins, Freya Martin, Katie Falk, Matt Ward-Perkins, Philip Wood, Sven Crofts, Trottie Kirwan

FSSEAGM18-1 Opening worship

We have opened our meeting with a period of silent worship during which was read advice 18.

FSSEAGM18-2 Agenda check

We have agreed our agenda

FSSEAGM18-3 Minutes of AGM 2017

We have received the minutes of the 2017 FSSE Annual General Meeting.

We note that when we met last year, we were tasked by AGM with looking into mental health training and developing a new online booking form for the events.

We are pleased that we have met both these requirements. We are pleased that there is a feeling that the mental health training improved confidence at the events. We hope that we might be able to instigate some practice or sharing as part of our event planning. We would like to continue to hold regular training days.

We are aware that there is much more work to be done about ongoing training of volunteers and officers. We will consider this further in February 2019 when we are holding a strategy day.

We accept the minutes of last year's AGM meeting.

FSSEAGM18-4 Junior Gathering

We have had the Junior Gathering epistle read and had the opportunity to ask and answer questions of the event coordinators and other volunteers who are present.

We have heard about a banging event which was full of music fun and spiritual exploration. The young people found worship valuable and there has been a strong sense that the event has been inclusive across the ages.

We have a sense that the participants have taken on-board much from the theme of the event. Their interest in the speakers and their questioning of the subject suggests that they have explored the theme fully. We are grateful to the planning team for being able to find such full programme of theme related activities.

We feel that it is positive when the theme for the next year's event is influenced by the current event as it seems to have been this time.

We thank the staff and event planning team that have made this event happen in 2018.

FSSEAGM18-5 Senior Conference

We have received the Senior Conference epistle, read by Gwen De Sousa Correa. We have had the opportunity to ask questions of those participants and the event coordinators and planning team who are present.

We have heard about a full and fun packed event which explored the theme 'From belief to action'. The planning team were able to organise a range of ways that the theme was explored using both staff volunteers and incoming speakers.

We heard about a sense of fun at the event and this contrasted with some deep ministry from many of the young people throughout the week.

The joint trip, with Junior Gathering, to Oxford was again a success and allowed people to re-make friendships with those who they met the year before.

We have heard of some real progression made during the week on challenging behaviour displayed by a few of the young people when the event first gathered at the beginning of the week.

We thank the staff and planning team that make this event possible.

FSSEAGM18-6 Treasurers report and fee setting for events in 2019

We have received a verbal overview of the annual accounts and had the opportunity to ask Graham Torr our treasurer questions.

We have heard the recommendation from Management Committee that we raise the fees by £10 for each event. We have also heard that Management Committee suggests that we end the trial to offer a £50

discount to people applying to attend Junior Gathering for the first time. We agree to this.

We have also heard that one of our most generous donors is our volunteers who don't claim or bank the expenses that they are due for attending the events and planning meetings. We encourage all volunteers to claim their expenses or we will assume they are a donation back to FSSE.

We thank and Graham Torr for his work, which is so valued by us.

FSSEAGM18-7 Matters referred by Management Committee

Dates and venues 2019

We agree that both events will take place, 16 (for staff) 17-24 August 2019 and have been provisionally booked with the schools as follows:

- Junior Gathering at Leighton Park School: theme, 'Modern equality'
- Senior Conference at Sibford School: theme, 'Quakers in the 21st Century: What will our chapter be?'

Appointments brought forward from Management Committee

We receive the following names from FSSE Management Committee which met this morning.

Role	Outgoing	Incoming	Status	Term	Start	End
FSSE Trustee	Kathy Gibbs	Kathy Gibbs	Renomination	2	17-Nov-18	AGM '20
FSSE Trustee (young)	Jo Tranter	Gwen Da Sousa Correa	Nomination	2	17-Nov-18	AGM '20
JG Coordinator #2	Keith Walton	Tavi Austin	Nomination	3	17-Nov-18	AGM '21
JG Planning Coordinator #1	Chris Alton	Matt Baker	Nomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
JG Planning Coordinator #2	Tavi Austin	Olivia Sewell-Risley	Nomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
JG Planning Coordinator #3	Sven Crofts	Philip Wood	Nomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
SC 22+ Overseer and Reserve Coordinator	Huw Still	Huw Still	Renomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
SC Administrative Coordinator	Josh Veitch-Michaelis	Steve Russell	Nomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
SC Bookings secretary	Katie Ulrick	Katie Ulrick	Renomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
SC Coordinator #2	Becky Moylett	Ruth Jesson Smith	Nomination	3	17-Nov-18	AGM '21
FSSE Publicity	Eleanor Brooks	Eleanor Brooks	Renomination	1	17-Nov-18	AGM '19
FSSE Trustee		Anna Trethewey	Nomination	3	17-Nov-18	AGM '21'

FSSE Trustee		James Barnard	Nomination	3	17-Nov-18	AGM 21'
FSSE Trustee		Michael Wood	Nomination	3	17-Nov-18	AGM 21'

We thank all the people who have come to the end of their service. All names being suitable we agree to appoint these names to the roles that they have been nominated to.

We ask the treasurer to update the banking arrangements to make sure that the event coordinators and treasurer are signatories and that the current limits are maintained.

FSSEAGM18-8 Date and venue for FSSE AGM 2019

We hope to meet for the 2019 FSSE AGM on Saturday, 9 November at Friends House, Euston (TBC).

We ask our clerk to make the arrangements on our behalf.

FSSEAGM18-9 Strategy day

We are holding a strategy day on Saturday, 2 February 2019. We appoint Oliver Waterhouse, Anna Trethewey and Michael Wood be a planning team to develop the event. It will be an opportunity to hold up a mirror to FSSE and question our practices.

FSSEAGM18-10 Trustees report

We have received a brief report from our clerk of trustees, David Holtam. Trustees have oversight for the development of the activities of the organisation new items such as a data protection policy.

We have heard a message of thanks from trustees to all the volunteers who help make the events possible.

Closing worship

Oliver Waterhouse
Clerk