

Friends Southern Summer Events Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 7 November 2020

Held online

Minutes

Present

Tavi Austin, Michael Wood, Trottie Kirwan, Kathy Gibbs, Issy Craig-Wood, Jonathan Hodgson, James Barnard, Matt Baker, Anna Trethewey, Eleanor Brooks, Bryony Rowntree, Steve Russell, Graham Torr, Ruth Jesson-Smith, Rob Johnson, Phil Wood, Emily Collins, David Holtam, Margaret Lee, Loveday Craig-Wood, Gayle Banks,

Apologies

Marisa Johnson, Candia Crosfield, Keith Walton,

FSSEAGM20-01 Opening worship

We have opened our meeting with a period of silent worship during which was read advice 27.

FSSEAGM20-02 Agenda check

We have agreed our agenda. We note the apologies that have been given in advance and the names of those people present and Friends who have given apologies.

FSSEAGM20-03 Minutes of AGM 2019

We have received the minutes of the 2019 FSSE Annual General Meeting. Our clerk has read through the headings to remind us of the meeting that took place.

We accept the minutes of last year's AGM.

FSSEAGM20-04 Trustees report

We thank James for the work that he and trustees have done over the course of 2020 which has been a challenging year. Trustees have been meeting regularly throughout 2020 in support of the coordinators and staff team who ran a single online event in 2020. This year the event went well with much thanks to the coordinators and Arrangements Committee.

Our clerk to trustees has shared a report which will form the basis of our annual submission to the Charities Commission.

We are grateful to the trustee body for the work that they do on FSSE's behalf.

FSSEAGM20-05 Treasurers report

We have received a report and FSSE's draft annual accounts presented by Graham Torr our treasurer. We have had the opportunity to ask Graham questions.

Graham has highlighted the significant change in our income and expenditure which due to not being able to hold in person events has resulted in our receipts dropping from around £50k to £2k.

We are grateful that we have been fortunate to benefit from the generosity of grants given by the CB and HH Taylor Trust which Trottie secured as well as donations from a Quaker meeting. These grants have helped to reduce the deficit in 2020 as we have had almost no income from participants at the event we held. This year we asked participants for a voluntary contribution to attend an online event.

We thank and Graham Torr for his work as treasurer.

FSSEAGM20-06 2020 online event

We have heard from Ruth, Rob and Emily, event coordinators, and Issy Craig-Wood and Jonathan Hodgson as, events clerks, about the event in 2020. Their summary paints a picture of an event that was recognisable as Senior Conference.

There was a range of activities and a mixture of time at and away from screens. The event was of a familiar shape to the in-person events and included theme sessions, social, activities and as much of what young Quakers expect when meeting with Quaker peers.

Highlights of the event were Mark Russ who was 'the perfect speaker for young Quakers'; and the website that the clerks put together which held the event in an online space during the week.

There were some challenges, particularly around bookings, which had to be managed differently to an in-person event. And a difficulty over enabling anyone who wished to participate even though they did not have access to adequate equipment. Trustees will address both of these challenges to ensure that if there is a need to hold online event in future they will be overcome.

We are aware that some young Quakers and their parents and staff volunteers were put off by the whole event being online and we will consider how we can make online events more welcoming to all.

We thank Ruth, Rob and Emily who stepped in as an additional coordinator as well as the staff team and Arrangements Committee for their work to make the event happen.

We also wish to thank Tavi, Matt and all of the Junior Gathering planning and volunteer teams for the work they did in preparing for Junior Gathering before it was decided not to hold that event in 2020.

FSSEAGM20-07 Matters referred by Management Committee

Events in 2021

Our clerk has given an update about the conversations that have already taken place about the events in 2021. We are grateful to hear that there is a small team who will be looking at what events will be possible in 2021 and how they will be run.

We are pleased to hear that there is a push planned on publicity to try to avoid losing many of the young Friends who have missed a year in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

We look forward to returning in 2021 to hear about how the events have been.

Nominations brought forward from Management Committee

We receive the following names from FSSE Management Committee which met on Wednesday, 4 November 2020.

Role	Outgoing	Incoming	Status	Term	Start	End
FSSE Clerk	Oliver Waterhouse	Oliver Waterhouse	Renomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
FSSE Assistant Clerk		David Holtam	Nomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
FSSE Treasurer	Graham Torr	Graham Torr	Renomination	3	AGM 2020	AGM 2023
FSSE Trustee (young)	Gwen De Sousa Correa	Anya Nanning Ramamurthy	Nomination	2	AGM 2020	AGM 2022
JG Planning Coordinator #1	Olivia Sewell Risley	Olivia Sewell Risley	Renomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
JG Planning Coordinator #2	Phil Wood	Phil Wood	Renomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
JG Planning Coordinator #3	Eduin Boater-Latimer	Eduin Boater-Latimer	Renomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
SC Coordinator	Rob Johnson		Nomination	3	AGM 2020	AGM 2023
SC Reserve Coordinator	Emily Collins	Emily Collins	Renomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021
FSSE Publicity	Bianca Rawlinson	Bianca Rawlinson	Nomination	1	AGM 2020	AGM 2021

We note that it is helpful to have a safeguarding link to each event from within the trustee body and ask our clerk to trustees to ensure that these roles are in place in time to support our event teams. Candia Crosfield is serving one of these roles in 2021.

We are also aware that there is work to be done to ensure that we have a robust booking procedure for online and in-person events. These roles also

need to be nominated to and we would like to consider this opportunity to re-vision these roles to help support our events into the future.

We see that we are going to have to have a new vision for events in the future. Our model has not changed much in many years and the pandemic has shown us that there may be other ways of working. We wish to empower our coordinators and staff teams to be bold and have vision for our events that will make them sustainable for the future.

FSSEAGM20-08 [Date and venue for FSSE AGM 2021](#)

We hope to meet for the 2021 FSSE AGM on Saturday 13 November. The venue will be confirmed in due course.

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

Closing worship

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Waterhouse." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Oliver Waterhouse

Clerk