

Transition Chichester: Annual General Meeting 2023
Friends Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester
Tuesday July 18

Present: Claire Wilton, Debbie Carter, Sue Gilson, Anna Glanville Hearson, Diana Morgan, Jennie Lindfield, Tom Broughton, Liz Campling, Polly Gaskin, Jan Sander, Julia Sander

Apologies: John Wilton, Susan Rutter, Sarah Clarke, Matt Damper, Jenny Cole.

1 Accounts

Liz Campling presented the accounts for the financial year October 2021 - October 2023. There is a healthy balance as a result of two major events taking place in this year for which grants were received (the Eco Festival in November 2021 and Great Big Green Week in September 2022). Funding was also received for the Grow Chichester project which will cover outgoings until the end of 2023.

A regular income of around £60 per month is provided by members; donations to Local Giving. However, the fee charged by Local Giving doubled without warning this year. It was suggested that we should look for another platform for managing donations

The Earth Café is covering its expenses and making a small surplus. Repair Café also brings in a small income which is not reflected in the current accounts as it re-started after the accounts were prepared.

At the moment we are managing to cover general overheads such as insurance and accountant's fees, but we have fewer income-generating activities after COVID. There was discussion about putting on events in the autumn.

The accounts were proposed by **Claire Wilton** and seconded by **Jennie Lindfield**.

A vote of thanks was given to Liz Campling for her hard work and efficient handling of TC's finances.

2 Election of Trustees

There was universal agreement that the current trustees: **Debbie Carter, Jenny Cole, Jennie Lindfield, Anna Glanville-Hearson, Jan Sander** and **Julia Sander** should serve for another year as trustees.

3 Future Events

Events: TC did not take part in this year's Great Big Green Week, which was in June. This was felt to be too close to the previous year's event.

- There was some agreement that we could put on an event in the autumn. **Polly Gaskin** has been working with **David Sale**, Climate Change Policy and Partnerships Manager at WSCC. His particular focus is resilience and adaptation. It may be possible to work with him on an information/ discussion event involving local groups.
- **Green Screen:** Building on last year's success, we would like to run this again. Debbie and Sue volunteered to approach Walter Francisco at the New Park Cinema

- **Button Boot Sale:** It is hoped that we can run another of these events in the autumn. This event replaces Swap Shop which had become too unwieldy.

Great Big Green Week dates 2024: June 8-16.

There was not much enthusiasm for participating as there are so many other competing activities in Chichester at that time of year. Early autumn would be a more suitable time to put on an event.

4 AOB

- Earth Café: This is very successful, but more volunteers are needed to help with running it.
- Repair Café: Also very successful. At the moment it is fairly small scale, but in future we may need to find a more central location and hold the Café on Saturdays to enable more people to attend.
- Wednesday August 16: Children's green-themed playday in Florence Park. TC will put on a suitable activity.
- Contact has been made with Mike Cockerill from the Climate Change group of the U3A. It may be possible to arrange some shared activities.