

Transition Exmouth AGM Minutes
Wednesday 24th January 2024 6.30-8pm
Glenorchy Church Hall, Exeter Road, Exmouth, EX8 1PL

Present: Jane Ashton, Sue Bell, Zoey Cooper, Jannie Cherry, Michael Cherry, Mary Culhane, Olly Davey, Mary Davey, Lou Doliczny, Helen Edwards, Jan Gannaway, Jodie Glover, Roger Gibson, Carol Jay (via Zoom), Peter Jeffery, Andy Locke, Simon Pardoe, Mike Rosser, Mary Sage, Elinor Scott, Mary Turner, Louise Venables, Sarah Ward, Jennifer Wellington, Gerry Winnell (Exmouth Quakers), Chris Yeo, Prue Yeoman.

1) Apologies: Peter Brain, Anne-Marie Culhane, Nicky Nicholls, Lesley Stacy-marks, Adrian Toole

2) Lou Doliczny welcomed all to the 2024 AGM of Transition Exmouth. She explained that the AGM part of the meeting will be short and less formal as the group changes to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) over the next few months, as agreed by the Umbrella Group in 2023. Saying that as a group of prospective trustees they want to spend the second part of the meeting in small discussion groups on the future of Transition Exmouth. Sarah Kersey gave a short explanation why the change in charitable status was necessary.

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM. Proposed by Simon Pardoe seconded by Mary Sage and approved by members present.

Lou Doliczny, Chris Yeo, Carol Jay, Sarah Kersey and Sarah Ward stated why they had come forward to join the Umbrella Group and also wanted to put themselves forward as the first trustees of the new CIO.

3) Chair's Report 2023 written by Nicky Nicholls read by Chris Yeo as Nicky was recovering from an operation and was not able to attend the meeting. Points highlighted included:

- Seat on the Town Council's Climate and Ecological Working Party enabled TrEx to support the work of Climate Officer, Zoey Cooper, and the climate action plan, which included launch of Exmouth Cup.
- 450 people on our newsletter list with over 50% opening each edition
- Received £5000 from the Transition Network to work on developing the Call of Nature Eco Hub with the Town Council. Despite the enthusiasm of the full Town Council to create this exciting project, there was less support at EDDC. And so the project was abandoned.
- Took part in all sorts of markets, stalls and festivals actively promoting our messages, campaigns and partner organisations.
- Joined with the Food Bank, Launchpad & Open Door to create the Mushroom food network. Sadly illness of the lead worker has slowed progress significantly.
- 2 Execargo bikes are busy around town. Have been used on the school run, shopping trips, deliveries, days out and the Stride is now supporting a new kitchen gardening project.
- Thanks to Heath Nickels writing a guide to responding to the Local Plan.
- Summer Umbrella Group decision to become a CIO and prospective trustees recruited.

Finally, the report asked the meeting to remember two members of Transition who had died this year, who both brought huge enthusiasm and commitment to our work: Jan Pawson and Noel Harrower.

Nicky is standing down to concentrate on her new role as Community Innovation at Sideshore, working on community-based Climate and Nature Recovery projects.

Lou Doliczny paid thanks to Nicky for all her hard work over the 4 years while she has been the Chair. Members present acknowledged, agreed and gave thanks. Lou also said in addition the incoming Umbrella Group members would like to thank Zoey Cooper, Cllr Tim Dumper, previous Umbrella Group members Angela Maynard, Simon Pardoe, Jen Wellington, Mike Rosser, Mary Sage and Jan Gannaway for all the time and hard work that they have given TrEx.

4) Treasurer's Report 2023: Mary Sage gave an update of Transition Exmouth's finances for 2023: Summary of Accounts for period 1st January to 31st December 2023

Transition Exmouth – Treasurer's Report

Summary of Accounts for period 1st January to 31st December 2023.

Opening bank balance as at 01/01/2023	6,280.96
of which:	
Core income (membership & donations)	1,046.02
Execargo (Fundraising/project income)	914.94
Transition network funding (Call of Nature)	4,320.00
Total income for 2023:	21,624.18
of which:	
Core - Membership & donations	693.08
Execargo -	278.80
income hire from Ex. Cycles (for 2022)	148.80
Income hire to cover ins. Costs	130.00
Transition network funding (Ecohub/Call of Nature)	0.00
Mushroom funding/donations	3,500.00
FORE/Rivers funding /donations	17,152.30
Total expenditure	18,284.22
of which:	
Core expenses inc public liability insurance, zoom, expenses	663.21
Execargo expenses inc Spare battery, bike services, insurance	1,051.10
Ecohub	2,217.50
Mushroom-salary & expenses	2,618.25
FORE -	11,734.16
Salaries	8,575.30
Expenses inc website, research, festival expenses, room hire	3,158.86
Closing balance for the period (= bank balance as at 31/12/2023)	9,620.92
of which:	
Core balance	1,075.89
Execargo	142.64
Ecohub	2,102.50
Mushroom	881.75
FORE	5,418.14

Members were asked to approve the Finance Report. Proposed by Olly Davey, seconded by Jan Gannaway and approved by members present.

5) Election of Officers and Umbrella Committee Group: Members present were asked to vote to elect the following Officers and Umbrella Group –

- Carol Jay standing for Chair
- Adrian Toole standing for Treasurer
- Sarah Kersey standing for Secretary
- Lou Doliczy standing for Deputy Chair
- Sarah Ward standing for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Chris Yeo standing for Projects Support

6) Short break followed by small group discussions on the question - 'What should be the future direction of TrEx and how can we all make this happen?'

7) AOB from Exmouth Quaker Group are asking people to join them for a regular climate vigil in Magnolia Walk - see Exmouth Quaker Facebook Page. Meeting closed at 8pm.