

Green Door STEERING

Steering Group Committee Meeting

Thursday 1 April 2021, 7.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Janice Benson, Liz Clement, John Davenport (Chair), Kath Lockhart, Elizabeth Shorrocks (Treasurer), Gilli Slater and Elizabeth Tracey. **Apologies:** Liz Ford Slater, Eric Pye and Sue Rowland.

Subject	Discussed / Agreed	Action	Who
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.			
Matters Arising			
There were no matters arising.			
Organisation			
AGM	The AGM is booked for Thursday 13 May and the notice is ready to go out to members. Usually, we invite people to join Steering via the newsletter and people come forward during the meeting. Last time that didn't work so well as one person would have liked to join but missed the opportunity. Agreed to invite members to join Steering via the AGM notice and to ask them to let Janice know a week before the meeting.	Email members Ask current Steering members if they want to stay.	JB JB
Finance			
Transfer of Treasurer	Elizabeth thinks this has now gone through but we'll know for sure when the bank statement arrives. She met with Colin recently and he will carry on paying studio bills. The standing order to Peill for the rent has been transferred to Green Door Rising and artists have been asked to transfer their rent.	Colin to send copies of bills with payment claims	EAS
Bank Balance	The current account balance was £6096 at the end of March. This will go up over the next month as subscriptions come in.		
2021/22 Budget	The budget had been circulated beforehand and was discussed. This will be finalised once the March statements have been received.	Update budget	JB
Premises			
Repairs	The leak into Jamie's studio has continued in the recent rain and he's sent more photos to Janice. She has been leaving voicemails for Stuart but he hasn't replied.	Daily calls to Stuart	JB
Membership			
New members	We've had one new member since the last meeting – Ann Dunnington.		
2021/22 Subs	Fourteen members have paid their subscriptions since we asked them (12 full and 2 students) but a large number will	Follow up members	JB

	<p>have paid today by standing order.</p> <p>Five people have said they're leaving so far. Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haven't sold work so can't afford to stay • Doesn't think Green Door is a good fit • Cost of exhibition fees 	after statement arrives for 1 April	
Exhibition Fees	<p>The member who was concerned about exhibition fees has a concessionary membership and it does raise the question of whether concessions should also affect exhibition fees.</p> <p>Agreed to reduce exhibition fees from £15 to £10 for members with concessions. Janice to update submission guidelines and mention in newsletter – see wording for Trail concessions.</p>	Let members know	JB
Concessions for Steering members	<p>Historically, members of Steering were allowed a free membership but, over the years, fewer people have taken that up and there is no similar arrangement in place for the Exhibitions Group who put in a similar amount of work. Agreed to phase out the free membership so that it will end in March 2022.</p>		
Exhibitions			
Upfront	Janice has emailed Elaine to find out their plans.		
Holehird	<p>Sara Last has been in touch to say they now have a tentative opening date for the Gallery at Brockhole and asking if we still want to hang this exhibition. We've said that we do and we'll await more details when Holehird are able to confirm them. We don't yet have exhibition dates – the earliest date the Gallery will open is 21 June.</p>		
Exhibitions Group	<p>The Exhibition Group met in February and meet again next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group had talked about an online exhibition (on social media). Suggested theme: Open View. Timing: May/June. Cost: £10. Work should not be too old. Agreed to work this up at the next meeting. • Tina Allonby is looking into a pop up shop in Ulverston over the summer. • We talked about ideas for 2022 but suggestions were all about hiring venues (the Athenaeum, Stricklandgate House). The group will need to submit a budget to Steering for any event which needs a contribution from Green Door. 		
Events			
Art Trail	<p>The results of the Art Trail survey had been circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed. These don't give us sufficient numbers to go ahead (unless all the 'maybes' take part) but a lot of members want us to do something. Suggestions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the purpose of Hare Hill who contacted us re being an Art Trail venue. • Use of other venues including Paper Bunny in Ulverston. • Flyers could be used for summer events with the 	<p>Email members</p> <p>Focus on Trail at next meeting</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>Steering</p>

	<p>catalogue coming later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The change in timing from other events will affect our promotion eg we could take catalogues to the Silverdale and Arnside Trail. <p>Agreed Janice will email members to ask for a firm commitment and explain the timetable but no money will change hands until we commit to the brochure.</p>		
Marketing and Website			
Website Problems	Liz reported there have been some fairly major issues with the site and it's now been refreshed with a new way of displaying posts. Google analytics isn't working at the moment.	B/F Talk to Shaun about Jotform.	LC
Any Other Business			
None			

Next meeting: Thursday 6 May