

Green Door STEERING

Steering Group Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 October 2021, 7.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Janice Benson, Liz Clement, John Davenport (Chair), Heather Hanna, Kath Lockhart, Eric Pye, Sue Rowland, Elizabeth Shorrock (Treasurer) and Gilli Slater.

Apologies: Jacqui Bassett and Eileen Gledhill

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			
Roger Bell	We have already been in touch with Roger's wife and Steering would like to record our deepest sympathies. Roger will be greatly missed by Green Door.		
Sue Rowland	Sue would like to step down from Steering but will stay until the AGM if we need her.		
John Davenport	John will also step down from Steering at the AGM as he will have completed three years as Chair.		
Finance			
Bank Balance	Bank balances at the end of September were: current account – £12,039.84 and GDR (studio) - £2,180.68 The latter needs to be balanced with the current account. Quite a lot has gone out of the current account since then with payments for the Trail and for work sold at the Gaddum exhibition.		
Premises			
Studio Artists	Sue updated Steering on progress. Things are progressing slowly but should speed up now (the timing depends on Peill) and the artists are planning to sign a one year lease. The artists will form an unincorporated group and two of them will sign the lease. Accounts will be needed for them to set up a bank account.		
Electricity	Changing the meter has been organised in theory but the supplier may decide the meter isn't accessible.		
Sue David	Sue has almost moved out but a new tenant can't move in until the lease is sorted out.		
Green Door Items	Sue asked if alternative storage could be arranged for browsers, correx signs, glasses and anything other Green Door items in the studio.	Discuss at future meeting.	
Membership			
New members	No new members since last meeting (waiting for one person to pay).		
2021/22	The membership report was circulated prior to the meeting.		

Exhibitions			
Exhibitions Group	We welcomed Jacqui to the group and Jess Levine is also interested. It was a productive meeting on Monday although we're struggling to get a full group on Monday evenings. Our next meeting will be on the afternoon of Monday 6 Dec and will focus on future exhibitions.		
Affordable Art	Going according to plan although slightly over budget due to increased print costs (paper availability) and fewer people submitting. £75 loss expected (agreed with Elizabeth that's ok as Art Trail made surplus).		
Wind in the Willows	Cally volunteered to take over the lead on this exhibition. Janice has spoken to John Irving at the Dock Museum – he was very pleasant and helpful but also inexperienced (has never been involved in an art exhibition before). He's going to send over a new contract with new dates – once we have that we can send out stock sheets. We may need to hang the exhibition as they have no curator at present. Jamie has hung work there before and would be happy to help (he's on their books as a freelance). He also sent over helpful photos of the space. More information has gone to members to encourage submissions - lateral thinking, pictures of the river bank, reread book or listen on You Tube. If numbers don't improve we may need to look at widening this out more.		
Farfield Mill	Out of the Earth likely theme		
Events			
Art Trail	<p>The Trail evaluation report was circulated previously and will be tidied up for members. Agreed that S2C was a good venue. Sue is standing down at Trail Co-Ordinator.</p> <p>There was discussion about dates for 2022. Kendal venues were affected by the Torchlight event and there was some negative effect from the change of date of the Silverdale Trail. There is some urgency as we wanted to place a listing in the Cumbria Events guide whose deadline is 7 Nov. Agreed to go for 23 – 25 Sept or 30 Sept – 1 Oct (but not to clash with Torchlight).</p>	<p>Ask Torchlight if they've decided a date</p> <p>Ask members who may have felt out on a limb if they're interested in joining a group venue next year (and, if so, where?)</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
Christmas Party	Agreed not to hold a Christmas party this year due to Covid rates		
Social Morning	Members Sue met during the Trail prep were missing the social side of membership. She would be happy to organise a get together.	Write piece to share in newsletter.	SR/JB
Marketing and Website			
Website	Liz reported that peak usage matches our social media activity. The usual average is 30-40 visitors per day but we had 150-200 around the Trail. Mobile users are top with IOS at 35% and Android at 28%.		
Any Other Business - None			

Next meeting: Thursday 9 December, 7.00 pm