

Green Door STEERING

Steering Group Committee Meeting

Thursday 16 September 2021, 7.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Janice Benson, Liz Clement, John Davenport (Chair), Kath Lockhart, Sue Rowland, and Elizabeth Shorrocks (Treasurer)

Apologies: Heather Hanna, Eric Pye and Gilli Slater.

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			
Steering Members	Tina Allonby has resigned from Steering so we need to recruit another member.	B/F Write piece for newsletter	JD
Finance			
Bank Balance	Bank balances at the end of August were: current account – £14,106.65 and GDR (studio) - £1,993.18. The latter needs to be balanced with the current account.		
Studio Electricity	Elizabeth has been trying to work out why the electricity is costing so much. The electricity company say we are paying a higher rate as we've been out of contract since 2016. A new contract has been sent through based on usage but this is based on disputed meter readings (the meter is in the butcher's cellar). There's no point signing a contract until we know what is happening with the studio.	Organise date-stamped photo of meter	SR
Premises			
Sue David	Sue David is leaving the studio. She handed in her notice at the end of August and will have cleared her studio by the end of October. Her contract has three months' notice. There are two potential tenants – Cheryl Hitchcock and an artist who is moving back to the UK from the US. We can't progress this until the studio situation has been resolved.		
Studio Artists	Sue Rowland and Jamie met the Chapel trustees yesterday to discuss a way forward. The studio artists would have to take on the role of Green Door and sign the lease. They will have to become a legal entity (Janice has forwarded info on CVS to Sue as a good source of advice on this). Once this has been sorted out, they can sign the lease (one year contract) and transfer bills. Sue asked if Steering could be patient with them for a while. John said that there's no rush and they've made good progress.		
Membership			
New members	There have been no new members since the last meeting.		

Exhibitions			
'Green Shoots' at Upfront	Total sales were £2,245. Eight artists sold work.		
Holehird	Communication has been poor due to lack of staff at Brockhole but we think that total sales were £1,649 We're waiting for our final payment before we pay artists (need to reconcile sales).		
Affordable Art	Guidelines went out a few weeks ago and seven people have been in touch to say they're submitting work. Janice will send another prompt after the Trail. Two people offered to help with hanging and four with invigilation. It was agreed that the group would prefer not to hold a private view due to Covid issues and that, if we are short of volunteers, asking for help for this extra session would be added pressure. For Covid safety during the event, the venue door will be kept open (if it isn't a fire door) and we can easily establish a one-way system.		
Wind in the Willows	Only 18 people have expressed interest so far but members are able to submit six pieces. Roger has been looking through members and will contact some directly. It was agreed to hold a private view as per the original contract.		
Rydal Hall	There will be work continuously displayed in the café and Green Door will have three x two month slots over the winter (Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan and Feb/March). There may be opportunities to display 2D work alongside work from Cumbria Sculptors over the summer.		
Other Opportunities	Still waiting for a discussion on future plans as key people have been missing from the last two Group meetings.		
Events			
Art Trail	Sue and Janice updated on the Trail. Everything is going according to plan.		
Christmas Party	There was discussion about whether or not to hold a Christmas Party this year.	Carry forward to next meeting.	All
Marketing and Website			
Website hosting	We've been able to stay with our existing hosting company for now after we tidied up the site. The hosting company will be moving to a new server at some point.		
Any Other Business - None			

Next meeting: Thursday 28 October