

QUAKER SOUTH ASIA INTEREST GROUP (QSAIG)

ANNUAL MEETING, 2012

Held on October 20 2012 at the home of Liz and Martin Schweiger.
12 Montagu Place, Oakwood, Leeds, LS8 2RG, Tel: 0113 293 1604

Present: Erica Cadbury, Chandu Christian, Rob Gallagher, Stuart Morton, Stephen Petter, Pat Saunders, Liz Schweiger, Martin Schweiger, Margaret Waterworth, Anne Smith, Joanna ???

Apologies: Barbara Bowman, Martyn Grubb, Ram Ramamurthy, Stephanie Ramamurthy,

1. Reporting.

Stuart Morton has agreed to prepare Meeting Notes on this meeting.

3. Recent activities.

We have heard reports from Stuart Morton, Stephen Petter, Pat Saunders, Chandu Christian, Robert Gallagher, Margaret Waterworth, and Erica Cadbury. Details will be in the Meeting Notes.

4. Quakers in South Asia.

Chandu has led us in a worship-sharing exercise examining our attitudes and hopes for our work in South Asia.

5. Future of QSAIG.

We have discussed how QSAIG might be more effective.

We agree that a stall at the YM SIG Fair would help.

We accept Liz Schweigler's offer to organise this.

We accept Martin's offer to create a website based on information supplied by Stuart Morton.

We have discussed preparing a booklet (or using the website) giving information about Quaker projects in S Asia and information for contacting relevant Friends.

We agree to support any meeting held by QPSW at YM.

We accept Pat Saunders' offer to arrange a lunchtime meeting at the British Library in the late winter or early spring.

5. Extended Reports.

Robert Gallagher has spoken of his work in Bangladesh since the

1980s. He originally was sent there somewhat against his wishes when he volunteered to work for VSO. He specialises in urban planning and transportation. He went again shortly after last year's QSAIG meeting. He was amazed by the physical and social changes in Dakar. He is due to start another assignment shortly; this time in Sri Lanka.

Martin Schweiger has shown a series of pictures depicting the work in Bangladesh with which he and Liz are associated.

6. Business Meeting.

6.1. Minutes.

The minutes of the 2010 AGM have been distributed and are agreed.

6.2. Treasurer's Report. Anne Smith has introduced the financial report. It shows a closing balance of £380. We accepted the report and will file it with these minutes.

6.3. Convenor's Report. Stephen Petter has read a short report. He has said that he regretted that once again it was rather negative. We accepted the report and will file it with these minutes.

6.4. Appointments. We agree to the following appointments:

Convenor: Stuart Morton and Chandu Christian. Stuart will be the first point of contact.

Treasurer : Anne Smith.

Membership Secretary: Anne Smith.

Newsletter editor: This function to be undertaken by the Joint Convenors.

Communication facilitator: This function to be undertaken by the Joint Convenors.

6.5. Next Meeting.

We agree to meet on October 26 2013 at Westminster Friends

Meeting house, St Martin's Lane, London at 10 am.

Minutes signed

Stephen Petter, QSAIG Convenor.

Attached: Income and Expenditure Statement.
Convenor's Report

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Convenor's Annual Report 2012.

QSAIG continues to exist though without much vigour other than our annual meeting. We continue to have a subscription-paying membership of about 13, with 16 on the e-group. We did not put on a showing at the Yearly Meeting Gathering where there was an Interest Groups Fair with dozens of stands, but none from QSAIG.

I have now served as QSAIG's convenor for four years and must admit to not having had a positive impact on its activities. I hope that a successor will be more energetic and successful.

I will say once again that as we are primarily a group set up to exchange information, and as most members are on e-mail, I cannot understand why so few have joined our Yahoo discussion-group. To do so, send an email to

QSAIG_Discussion-subscribe@yahoogroups.co.uk

Your officers in 2010-11 have been:

Convenor: Stephen Petter

Treasurer: Anne Smith

Membership Secretary: Anne Smith.

Newsletter editor: Rob Gallagher

Communications facilitator: Stuart Morton

with Liz and Martin Schweiger having no title but being our mainstays.

Signed: Stephen Petter

18th October, 2012.