

# Quaker South Asia Interest Group (QSAIG)

## Annual General Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.30am

Held on Zoom as a consequence of Covid-19 travel restrictions. Participants varied somewhat during the day averaging 22 people logged in.

### Minutes of AGM on 12/10/2019

The minutes of our AGM in 2019 had been circulated with the agenda for today's meeting and are also available on the QSAIG website.

The minutes were acceptable and there was no discussion on them.

### Convenor's Report

Norman Smith said he had learnt a lot from Stuart Morton.

He had been happy to maintain links to QSAIG members and act as a contact point for people seeking to make contact with QSAIG.

Plans to have a Special Interest Group stall and session at Britain Yearly Meeting were cancelled when Yearly Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Norman said he welcomed the support from other members of QSAIG.

### Future of QSAIG

Should QSAIG be laid down? This is a serious question raised each year.

The newsletter is greatly appreciated and is the main face of QSAIG.

A paper prepared by Rob Gallagher suggested 3 main purposes for QSAIG:

1. A Quaker-based forum to connect people and organisations working/interested in South Asia
2. A means of raising awareness about issues in South Asia of interest and concern to Quakers.
3. A source of Quaker support for peace and development initiatives relating to South Asia.

Work is still going on to support peace and reconciliation in Nagaland.

QSAIG is a body that can be contacted by friends of Quakers in South Asia.

Zoom, which is being used for this Annual General Meeting has enabled people from the USA, different parts of Europe and Bangladesh to take part with those of us based in England. It shows that "virtual" meetings can be held bringing us together with minimal requirements in travel time and cost, although we do appreciate really meeting each other in person. The possibility of hybrid meetings with some on Zoom and others physically gathered can be explored in future.

### Report from Newsletter Editor

Rob Gallagher appreciates contributions from Friends for the newsletter and the more that he can select from the better the newsletter.

### Accounts for 2019

Anne Smith presented the accounts which are attached to these Minutes.

Members and visitors can be supported with expenses for activities related to QSAIG.

The major expense each year is hiring the venue for the AGM and associated annual meeting. That is why our reserves are a little lower in 2019 than they were the year before. Other expenses are minor and should not be a source of concern. The accounts have been examined.

Officers for 20/21

Convenor	Martin Schweiger until someone else wish to take over.
Treasurer	Anne Smith
Membership Secretary	Anne Smith
Newsletter Editor	Rob Gallagher
Website Manager	Martin Schweiger
Communications Officer	Norman Smith

Subscriptions

£10 for those working, and £5 for the unwaged

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**SAIG Accounts for 2019.**

<b>QUAKER SOUTH ASIA INTEREST GROUP</b>						
<b>Financial Statement 2019</b>						
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Subscriptions	115.00	50.00	Hire of rooms	140.00	30.00	
Donations	23.70	10.00	Advertising	60.00	58.00	
Interest	4.47	4.54				
<b>Total income</b>	<b>143.17</b>	<b>64.54</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>88.00</b>	
Opening balance 01.01.19	434.69					
Receipts	143.17					
Subtotal	577.86					
Payments	200.00					
<b>Closing balance 31.12.19</b>	<b>377.86</b>	<b>434.69</b>				

QSAIG Website address:

<http://www.QSAIG.co.uk>