

Quaker South Asia Interest Group
Annual General Meeting 2021
23 October 2021

Constitution.

We received a request for a copy of our constitution.

We do not have a formal constitution, but we do have aims for QSAIG.

Suggestion made that we should have a focus in meetings, as we had today with Colonialism. This will be considered at the next planning meeting.

Adrian, how do we get more engagement on an issue working across organisations.

Stuart Morton focus at present on climate. Yearly Meeting thinking about racism. QSAIG has some cross racial working but needs to give more thought to this.

White people generally unaware of the need to develop cross racial working.

Convenor's Report

Martin Schweiger expressed thanks to other members of the Steering Group. He specifically expressed thanks to Norman Smith for the work he previously did in the convenor role and for continuing to act as the communications point for QSAIG.

Since the last AGM QSAIG has had one members' meeting on Zoom (24 April 2021), took part in the Groups Fair at Yearly Meeting Gathering (24 July 2021) and had a Special Interest Group Meeting at the Yearly Meeting Gathering (5 August 2021), also using Zoom.

A QSAIG newsletter is produced and the QSAIG Website is maintained.

There has been continued discussion about QSAIG Objectives.

Future of QSAIG

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

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

This year has been hard because we were locked down for much of the year. Too few contributions.

QSAIG Website

Website address is <http://www.qsaig.co.uk>

The links to English language newspaper in South Asia have been added.

Accounts for 2020

Anne Smith presented the Accounts for 2020.

Donation of received from Hemel Hempstead Meeting. This was sent on to Jaijagat and to Scholarships for Street Kids.

Total income for the year was £178.89 and the expenditure was £160.00 leaving QSAIG with a balance of £396.75

All members are reminded about subscriptions (£10 waged, £5 unwaged).

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Officers for 21/22

Convenor	Martin Schweiger
Treasurer	Anne Smith
Membership Secretary	Anne Smith
Newsletter Editor	Rob Gallagher
Website Manager	Martin Schweiger
Communications Officer	Norman Smith

Future Meetings

A planning meeting will be arranged in December, date to be decided.

Meeting to be held on 23 April 2022 on Zoom.

A Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on 22nd October 2022, probably a hybrid meeting, based at Westminster Meeting House with other people on Zoom.

3pm Closing Meeting for Worship.