

East Cheshire Quaker Meeting
To be held as a blended meeting at Marple Methodist Church
Saturday 8 July 2023 at 10.30 am

Agenda

- 1. Friends present**
- 2. Reading**
- 3. Caring for Friends**
- 4. East Cheshire Area Meeting Trustees: Minutes of meetings on 5 and 8 June**
Circulated with this agenda.
- 5. East Cheshire Area Meeting Trustees: Annual Report (Gavin Mendham)**
Circulated with this agenda.
- 6. East Cheshire Area Meeting Annual Report and Accounts for 2022 (Brenda Curran)**
Circulated with this agenda.
- 7. Grant request for Summer School (Brenda Curran)**
We usually make a contribution towards the costs of running Summer School. This year we have been asked for £550.
- 8. Dates and venues for Area Meeting business meetings in 2024 (Peter Eccles)**
Proposals circulated with this agenda.
- 9. Transfer of membership**
Further to Minute 23.05.09, certificates of acceptance of transfer of membership have now been received from Craven and Keighley Area Meeting for Bill Fox and Jan Fox.
- 10. Britain Yearly Meeting**
An opportunity for further reflection on this year's sessions including the additional sessions last Saturday.
- 11. Meeting for Sufferings 1 July 2023 report (Keith Braithwaite)**
Circulated with this agenda.
- 12. Report on the Northern Friends Peace Board (Till Geiger and Phoebe Spence)**
Circulated with this agenda.
- 13. Report on Chaigeley School (Hilary Brooks)**
Circulated with this agenda.

14. Meeting libraries

Stockport Meeting has forwarded the following minute from their meeting on 2 July.

7. ECAM Union Catalogue of LM Libraries

Stockport LM recently held a meeting to discuss the future of its library. We are aware that other meetings within ECAM also maintain libraries. It was mentioned that in the past there was discussion at AM towards the possibility of creating an online union catalogue enabling the holdings of all ECAM meeting libraries to be searched via a link from the ECAM website. Stockport Friends have discerned that realising this project, both as an access tool and as a way of minimising potential duplication of stock, would be beneficial, and ask AM to consider the feasibility of doing so.

Lunch will be provided by Marple Friends

After lunch (starting at around 1.30 pm) we will consider the subject of membership as requested by Meeting for Sufferings. This will be facilitated by Hilary Topp our Local Development Worker. Two papers are circulated as background for this:

Memorandum from Friends' House on the Membership Review

Article by Deborah Rowlands which appeared in The Friend on 10 March 2023

Date of next meeting: Saturday 16 September 2023 at Disley Meeting House starting at 10.30 am following by lunch and an afternoon session on a topic.

Papers circulated with this agenda:

Minutes of Area Meeting Trustees meetings on 5 and 8 June

Annual report of Area Meeting Trustees

Area Meeting Annual Report and Accounts for 2022

Proposed dates and venues for Area Meeting business meetings in 2024

Report on Meeting for Sufferings held 1 July 2023

Report on the Northern Friends Peace Board

Report on Chaigeley School

Memorandum on membership review

Article from *The Friend* on membership review