

East Cheshire Quaker Meeting

To be held as a blended meeting at Disley Methodist Church (note change of venue)

Saturday 16 September 2023 at 10.30 am

Agenda

1. Friends present
2. Reading
3. **Between meetings minute (4 August 2023): Trustee and treasurer conference: Spirited governance: what does Quaker renewal require of us?**
We appoint Hilary Brooks to attend this conference to be held in Milton Keynes from 22 to 24 September 2023 at a cost of £230 plus travel.
4. Caring for Friends
5. **Death of Ann Lambourn: Minute from Wilmslow Meeting**
23.09.06 The Death of Ann Lambourn. It is with great sadness that we record the death of Ann Lambourn on 2nd August 2023, who was a long-standing Attender at this Meeting, along with her husband Peter. Friends from Wilmslow Meeting attended her funeral service held on 1st September 2023.
6. **Transfer of membership**
We have received a Certificate of Transfer of membership from Hertford and Hitchin Area Meeting for Linda White who is now attending Crewe & Nantwich and Frandley Meetings.
7. **East Cheshire Area Meeting Trustees: Minutes of meeting on 7 September** (Ann Lewis)
Circulated with this agenda
8. **Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the organisations that make up Britain Yearly Meeting**
Circulated with this agenda. This draft memorandum will be considered by Meeting for Sufferings in October and it is anticipated that we will then be asked to sign it. Trustees do not see the need for us to send in any comments on the draft which appears to be acceptable (see Trustees Minute 3).
9. **Appointments: Nominations received from Nominations Committee**
We have received the nominations from Area Meeting Nominations Committee of Friends to serve from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026 (unless otherwise stated):
Area Meeting Clerk: Peter Eccles (until 31 December 2024)
Assistant Clerk Membership and LoMA editor: Denise Renshaw
Treasurer: Frances Hill
Assistant Treasurer: Brenda Curran (until 31 December 2024)
Registering Officer: Gavin Mendham
Assistant Registering Officer: Jennifer Dale
Safeguarding Officer: Sue Pounder
To issue burial notes for Frandley and Higher Whitley: Gill Alcock, Joe Godden
Children and Young People's Advocate: Andrew Backhouse

Christian and Interfaith Relations correspondent: Geoffrey Tomlinson
Editor of Newsletter: Sally Mendham
Quaker Chaplain at Styal Prison: Denise Renshaw
Representative on Stockport Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE):
Phoebe Spence
Quaker Trustee for Chaigley School: Hilary Brooks
Custodian of Records: Charlotte Harrison
Strong Room Key Keeper: Gavin Mendham
IT co-ordinator: Geoffrey Tomlinson
Representatives to Ackworth General Meeting: Hilary Owen and Till Geiger
Representative to Northern Friends Peace Board: Phoebe Spence
Clerk to Trustees: Hilary Brooks
Trustees: Hilary Brooks (Marple), Lenah Buckle (Frاندley), Frances Hill (Wilmslow), Hilary Newhall (Frاندley)
Elders: Till Geiger (Disley, second term), Sally Mendham (Wilmslow, second term), Margaret Moss (Stockport, second term), Bou Mowl (Marple, second term), Manda Thompson (Frاندley, second term)
Pastoral Friends: Gill Alcock (Frاندley), Joan Armstrong (Stockport, third term), Trevor Bending (Marple), Patricia Booth (Disley, until December 2024), Hilary Brooks (Marple), Barbara Harrison (Wilmslow, second term), Emma Killick (Disley, second term), Fiona Leslie (Frاندley, member of London West Area Meeting, until December 2025)

10. Appointments: Nominations received from local meetings

From Wilmslow Meeting:

Children and Young People's Committee: Andrew Backhouse (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026)

Area Meeting Nominations Committee: Denise Renshaw (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026)

Other local meetings are asked to forward any nominations for Area Meeting Committees to November Area Meeting (in particular Cheadle Hulme and Disley for Nominations Committee).

11. Meeting for Sufferings representative and alternate to serve from Yearly Meeting 2024 to Yearly Meeting 2027

We are asked to forward nominations to Yearly Meeting 2024 by the end of February 2024.

12. Quaker Chaplain at Manchester Metropolitan University

Gillian Smith has felt led to apply to undertake this role and seeks the support of Area Meeting.

13. East Cheshire Area Meeting Racial Justice Group: interim report (Ann Lewis)

Circulated with this agenda

14. Quaker stall at Macclesfield Heritage Day on 9 September and plans for 'Meet the Quakers' at Macclesfield on 7 October (Jill Maguire)

15. Quaker Prison Chaplains Conference: *The Light Within* to be held in Bristol from 13 to 15 October 2023

Denise Renshaw the Quaker Chaplain at Styal Prison would like to attend this at a cost of £320 plus travel.

16. Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations 2024 conference *Working Together in Faith* to be held at High Leigh from 15 to 17 March 2024

We have been invited to appoint a representative to this blended event at a cost of £310 (residential) or £110 (online).

17. Dates and venues of Area Meeting business meetings in 2024

Draft circulated with this agenda.

18. Intervisitation schedule for 2024

Draft circulated with this agenda. Meetings are asked to report to November Area Meeting on whether they have been able to undertake the visits in 2023

19. 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.

20. Responses from local meetings regarding the membership consultation (see Minute 23.07.14 of our last meeting)

Circulated with this agenda for information.

Lunch will be provided by Disley Friends

After lunch (starting at around 1.30 pm) we will consider the subject of outreach. Information about this session has been circulated. Friends attending online are asked to login by 1.25 pm if possible.

Date of next meeting: Sunday 12 November at 1.45 pm at Stockport Meeting House

Papers circulated with this agenda:

Minutes of Area Meeting Trustees meetings on 7 September

Report from Area Meeting Racial Justice Group

Dates and venues for Area Meeting in 2024

Intervisitation schedule for 2024

Responses from local meetings to the membership consultation