

**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**  
**CHEADLE HULME MEETING**

**Sunday 7 May 2017**

**Friends present: 7**

- 1. Readings.** Paragraph 12 of *Advices and Queries* has been read in Meeting for Worship.
- 2. Future Area Meeting Business Meetings.** On the agenda for the next Area Meeting will be the future pattern of Area Meeting Business Meetings reviewing the experiment in 2016 and 2017 of only having six meetings a year. We consider that the reduced number of meetings is in danger of reducing the fellowship in the Area Meeting community and hope that other events can be arranged from time to time as originally envisaged.
- 3. East Cheshire Meeting, May Business Meeting.** We appoint Peter Eccles and Alan Ingram to attend this meeting to be held at Frandley on Sunday 14 May.
- 4. Financial contribution to Area Meeting.** The Area Meeting treasurer has circulated a schedule of proposed contributions to Area Meeting funds from local meetings in 2017. This proposes for Cheadle Hulme a contribution of £1,481 (compared with £1,352 in 2016). We ask the treasurer to pay this.
- 5. Budget for 2017.** We agree to suggest to Friends a contribution of £90 to local meeting funds as last year.
- 6. Forced migration.** Further to Minute 3 of our last meeting, the General Election was called before the clerk had written to our MP and so it seemed too late then to write. He will write following the outcome of the election next month.
- 7. Lunch after meeting.** Peter Eccles has offered to arrange a fundraising soup, bread and cheese lunch for the Quaker and local projects fund on Sunday 25 June. We accept this offer.
- 8. The life of the meeting.** Christine Wilson has shared her concern for the community of the meeting which she sees as having a fragile state with an uncertain future. We ask our Elders and Overseers to consider how this matter might be addressed by the meeting. We thank Christine for raising this concern and encourage all Friends to consider it in preparation for when we return to it.

Peter J Eccles, co-clerk.