



Hailsham Artists' Network is a group of arts and crafts people based in Hailsham East Sussex, and the surrounding area. The group was formed to promote local artists and crafters, and to bring interesting arts & crafts, and artists, into the town and surrounding area.

Minutes of HAN All members meeting

16th August 2023

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of HAN, encourage members to join the committee, help with the organisation of events.

Present

Tina Applegate, Denise Bliss, Liz Cottingham, Jazz Dixon, Lesley dromgoole, Lucy Dunn, Valerie Evans, Linda Goldsmith, Richard Goldsmith, Julia Lloyd Jones, Mary Lovel, Floss Nichols, Janet Terry, Josie Tipler.

Non-Member Val Sprott

Apologies

Anna Acciarini, Jennifer Bisset) Lila Devaney, Kay Ford, Barbara Hibbert, Jayne Kersse, Jill Knight, Sue Stoneman, Margaret Turton.

The Meeting opened with

Josie (acting Chair) opened the meeting welcoming all and invited guests to introduce themselves. She then invited the treasurer and events coordinator to give their reports.

- Floss (Treasurer) presented the financial report confirming that is £5,422.16 in the Lloyds account, with fees for Bluebell Barn and Gallery North to be paid. Present membership is 46. Floss also confirmed a reduction in exhibitors fees from £45 in 2022 to £40.00 this year. Major expenses this year have been purchase of Zoom video conference service, Flags with poles and stands and promotion boards. Floss confirmed that Lightning Fibre are sponsoring the Art Trail. Other income in is from exhibition and membership fees.
- Mary's (Events co-ordinator) written report was circulated amongst members, including a summary of the two exhibitions hosted by HAN so far this year: Rushlake Green and Alfriston. and future events at Bluebell Barn and Gallery North, plus members participation in the Eastwell Bridge project, Summer Trifle Hosted by Josie, and Jim Tipler. Both Rushlake Green and Alfriston raised funds through the efforts of pop off cafes

Alfriston was successful and participants have requested that it is repeated next year. Mary has met with Julia to discuss an organisation check list for future events.

Rushlake Green was not a success causes have been identify including poor promotion, will be better attended in Autumn. (Historically art exhibition September and Christmas November)

Josie invited members to consider committee positions as presently HAN required 3 active committee member to comply with our banking agreements. She also explained the roles.

Positions vacant:

Chair / Deputy Chairperson (Josie is presently acting Chair)

General Secretary keeping and recording minutes and actions.

Members Secretary (Valerie has offered to hold this position till new member elected)

Public relations officer to support / guide event planners with promotion plus web and mail chimp upkeep.

General committee members including someone to help create a HAN business plan.

The following members were elected:

Chairperson Jazz Dixon

General Secretary Liz Cottingham assisted by Lesley Dromgoole

Members Secretary Valerie will continue to hold this position for the time being.

Other roles / responsibilities

Web site maintenance Josie will approach Barbara and Jazz will ask Lydia. Josie will support their training and suggest a job share.

- Agreed by all that there should be more general members meeting as well as committee members.

Any other Business

- Jazz originally proposed the committee create and action a business plan with short- mid- and long-term goals. Agreed by All
- Denise Proposed that HAN hosted one large exhibition event annually employing professional organisers. Overall, the idea is agreed however will require further discussion and consideration as a suitable venue will be required (Winter Gardens, Hotel, East Sussex Golf Club) plus whether annual events such as Alfriston, Bluebell Barn and Gallery North are continued or cancelled. Which other art organisations could be included? Initial thought that a pilot project could be trailed.
- Tina has had a discussion with Tony Biggin concerning the art trail when he expressed an interest in the festival and trail partnership with a representative from HAN on the committee. Mary will contact him concerning this. Also ask if HAN can have a presence in Vicarage Square and Furniture Now.

Josie thanked all for their participation and the meeting closed at approx. 20.40.

Notes compiled by Valerie Evans 17/08/23 Approved by