

# SLACC-tt Annual Report 2022

Charity Number No: 1139474



**AGM 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

## CONTENTS

<b>1. Opening remarks and Chairs report.</b>	<b><i>Page 2</i></b>
<b>2. Membership, insurance and constitution</b>	<b><i>Page 3-4</i></b>
<b>3. Projects and campaigns</b>	<b><i>Page 5-10</i></b>
Coal Mine Campaign	
Waste into Well-being (& Kendal Peoples Café)	
The Woolly Saddle cargo bike project	
Work on citizens jury recommendations	
Review of targets set for 2022	
Objectives for 2023	
<b>4. Treasurers report</b>	<b><i>Page 8-14</i></b>
<b>5. Funders in 2022</b>	<b><i>Page 15</i></b>

## Trustees

**Chair** Carole Wood

**Treasurer** Alan Lovett

Secretary & accounts. Chris Rowley

**Trustees** Angela Lovett, Sally Fleming, Quentin Merritt, Chris Rowley, Duncan Pollard

**Town Council representatives** were Mharai Helme and Giles Archibald

**Registered Address:** Stricklandgate House, 92 Stricklandgate, Kendal

Trustee biographies can be found at:

<https://slacc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Trustee-Biographies.pdf>

## Chairs Report

Welcome to the annual report for 2022.

2022 has been a busy year for us, and much has been achieved. After 18 months of reflection, taking expert advice and listening to members and stakeholders, we submitted our application to the Charity Commission to convert SLACC-tt from a Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, along with a new draft constitution in April 2023. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this review. As soon as we know if the application is approved, we will take the necessary steps to set up the new organisation, also to be known as SLACC-tt.

Meanwhile we carry on under the current governance arrangements as a registered charity, and remain committed to our objectives which are all for the public benefit. We hold our Trustee meetings every two months to plan and review progress plus take reports from nominated Trustees who oversee our projects. Members and supporters are welcome to attend any Trustees meeting, by request. We ask for prior notice of matters attendees wish to raise for adding to the agenda.

This year we ensured all our policies were up to date, and made significant updates to the safeguarding policy. All volunteers are made aware of the policies, which are made available on our website.

We recruit trustees from among our members and by spreading the word amongst other groups. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Trustee to attend a meeting and talk with existing Trustees to better gauge whether becoming a Trustee is for them. We welcome new Trustees with all levels of experience—all we ask is that you bring a can-do attitude and share our values.

I would like to thank Quentin Merritt who has been a Trustee for the past few years, and who is standing down at this time. He has generously shared his time, expertise and ideas in this role. We wish him well with future endeavours. As momentum on tackling the climate emergency grows, the charity has seen another busy year, with an expansion of our volunteer and member base. There continue to be lots of developments in our two main projects: the campaign

against an application to open a new coal mine in Cumbria and the Waste into Wellbeing Project, both reported on below.

SLACC-tt's work wouldn't be possible without the dedicated support of volunteers, members and Trustees and effective teamwork, and I am very grateful for everyone's contribution.

### **Paid work (all freelance)**

Currently we fund Stacy Hurley as our Development Manager for the Waste into Wellbeing project. Stacy has further developed our portfolio including establishing both new funding and new projects.

In addition we also contract a food logistics officer, Paul Etherington, who has significantly improved our management and distribution of surplus food.

### **Membership**

Lisa Kenton, our previous Membership Secretary, stepped down in 2022 after several years and we owe her our thanks for her hard work, foresight and role in establishing the robust GoCardless payment system. Matthew Smithers is our new Membership Secretary.

At the end of the financial year 2022 SLACtt had 91 members paying by GoCardless and 14 by standing order. This was an increase of 37 members since the year 2021.

Nearly 30% of the funds provided by GoCardless members were paid in January resulting in an early availability of GoCardless revenue.

Income from membership for 2022 amounted to £2,093 from GoCardless and £205 from Standing orders.

### **Insurance**

We hold a policy with Zurich Policy No XA0 1220618953

This is valid till 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 when it will be renewed. It covers all our activities.

### **Constitution**

Our current constitution and policies can be seen at <https://slacc.org.uk/about/policies/>

**Our charitable objectives in 2022 were:**

- 1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
- 2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

In furtherance to these objects, SLACC's aims are to:

- 1) To increase a local awareness of local and global issues surrounding climate change and sustainability.
- 2) To support activities to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels.
- 3) To establish a just transition to net zero in the local area
- 4) To take every reasonable step to minimise the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the group's activities.
- 5) To promote equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our activities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## Project and Campaigns

In accordance with our policy, we have continued to focus on two main projects in 2022 the campaign against the coal mine, and Waste into Wellbeing. We also report in this section upon our contribution to the Kendal Citizens Climate Jury where we devoted some time.

### 1. Campaign against the building of a new coal mine in Cumbria

A summary of the challenge so far plus the key reasons why we oppose the Cumbria coal mine can be seen at <https://slacc.org.uk/cumbria-coal-mine/>.

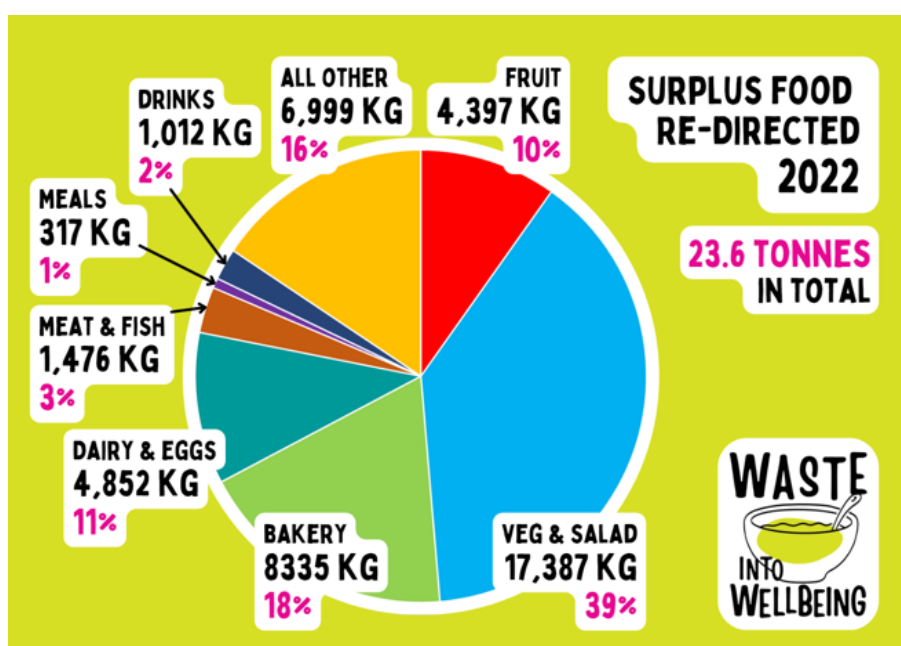
We believe that our input into the inquiry, and the media discussion that it instigated, has made a significant contribution to both national and global opposition to new fossil fuel developments.

### 2. Waste into Wellbeing (Kendal Peoples Café) report for 2022

#### Environmental and Social Impact of Waste into Wellbeing

The project aims to achieve environmental alongside social gains. To that end it has achieved a lot and continues to grow. We are looking to bring together its food share and Café on one site alongside a centre for sustainability in Kendal.

The project has 90 volunteers registered, of whom approximately 30 are active at any time. Find our website pages at <https://slacc.org.uk/wiw/>



#### 4. The Woolly Saddle Cargo Bike trial.



Jointly financed by Kendal Town Council alongside ourselves, together with a month's free loan of a Raleigh Cargo Bike in September 2022, this project informed us on the future management and potential for a cargo bike in Kendal. The project was managed by SLACC member Jo Haughton, and a report can be seen here.

The project demonstrated the possibilities for a cargo bike in Kendal. We are now looking at developing the business plan, storage and

financing for a permanent project and have some funds available from Zero Carbon Cumbria to develop that this year.

### Report headlines

- 12 riders cargo-bike trained to Bikeability L3
- 300kms cycled
- 51 cargo bike trips made
- 21 trips replaced car/van trips for collections/deliveries
- 16 trips made for practice or training
- 14 trips made for events, meetings, and courtesy calls

#### Review of targets set for 2022

1. Propose a future direction and priorities for SLACC-tt based upon the review process currently underway.  
**CIO application submitted 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, with updated constitution agreed by Trustees and Members at EGM 20 March 2023**
2. Roll out awareness and understanding of new policies (health & safety, equality & diversity, code of conduct, environment)  
**Policies up to date, promoted with new volunteers and published. New Safeguarding policy**

3. Increase the participation of members and volunteers in our work.  
***We still have work to do here and would welcome members to help in stepping forward to organize events.***
4. Continue our campaign against the Cumbria Coalmine. Be prepared to launch a judicial review based upon the decision of Michael Gove.  
***We continued our campaign against the Cumbria Coalmine Application to challenge SOS decision lodged January 2023***
5. Continue to develop Waste into Wellbeing and Kendal People's Café. Grow the collection of food from local businesses and explore ways to distribute this across the town and surrounding villages to deliver impact in the local community. Develop a stronger complementary focus on reducing food waste.  
***See previous report on progress***
6. Work with Kendal Town Council and local organisations to monitor progress of the response to the recommendations of the Citizens Climate Jury.  
***We continued to develop the partnership with Stricklandgate House trustees and Kendal Town Council develop our business plan as part of the proposed centre to support the community in responding to climate change***

## Objectives for 2023

1. Progress transition to new CIO status, depending on outcome of our application to the Charity Commission.
2. Roll out awareness and understanding of new policies (health & safety, safeguarding, equality & diversity, code of conduct, environment)
3. Increase the participation of members and volunteers in our work.
4. Continue our campaign against the Cumbria Coalmine
5. Continue to develop Waste into Wellbeing and Kendal People's Café.
6. Work with SGH Trustees and Kendal Town Council to develop a climate change/sustainability centre. invest in a kitchen, grow the collection of food from local businesses, improve both our carbon and wellbeing impact.

# Treasurers report

## Introduction

This is our report upon SLACC-tt finances for the year 2022. It serves two purposes, namely for our membership at our Annual General Meeting and the annual report to the Charity Commission.

## Achievements

- We have migrated our accounts to the QuickBooks Online system. This eased the day-to-day accounting tasks and moved us away from the problems of sharing/understanding spreadsheets.
- We co-sponsored the Cargo Bike project with Kendal Town Council, both contributing £500.00.
- For our Coal Mine campaign, in 2022 we received £5,000 from Greenpeace. To date in 2023, we have received £5,000 from Extinction Rebellion, £30,000 from Aurora Family Trust, and £2,000 from Friends of the Lake District.
- Our Waste into Wellbeing project has received grants from Cumbria County Council, The Freida Scott Trust, Hubbub and Kendal Town Council as well as regular contributions from many individuals plus a gift in memory of Victoria Handley.

## Further sections:

### [Charity Commission Report \(CC16a\)](#)

The report of our finances for submission to the Charity Commission.

### [Supplementary Notes](#)

Notes for the Charity Commission to supplement the CC16a report.

### [Examiner's Statement](#)

Independent Examiner's report on our accounts.

### [Accounts Summary](#)

Report for the AGM on our income and expenditure in 2022.

### [Income and Expenditure Summary Chart](#)

Illustrates the 2022 income, expenditure, and fund value, by Project.

### [Expenditure Summary Chart](#)

Illustrates the 2022 expenditure detail, by Project.



# Charity Commission Report (CC16a)

 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION</b> FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name <b>South Lakes Action on Climate Change - Towards Transition</b>		No (if any) 1139474	<b>CC16a</b>
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from 01/01/2022		To 31/12/2022		

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations, legacies and grants	10,391	43,326	-	53,717	183,938
Gift Aid	736	-	-	736	-
Interest on deposit account	10	-	-	10	-
Members' subscriptions	2,376	-	-	2,376	2,020
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,513</b>	<b>43,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,839</b>	<b>185,958</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,513</b>	<b>43,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,839</b>	<b>185,958</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration	179	18,405	-	18,584	860
Advertising/Promotional	147	1,291	-	1,439	-
Governance costs	288	-	-	288	-
Grants and donations paid	500	-	-	500	500
Insurances	293	429	-	722	-
Legal and professional fees	-	9,643	-	9,643	143,415
Miscellaneous supplies	1,055	3,629	-	4,684	9,981
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies	352	9	-	361	90
Rent/hire of rooms	112	9,288	-	9,400	19,961
Repairs and maintenance	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>42,694</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,721</b>	<b>174,807</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>42,694</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,721</b>	<b>174,807</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,486</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,118</b>	<b>11,151</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>15,660</b>	<b>38,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,157</b>	<b>43,006</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,146</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,275</b>	<b>54,157</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Unity Trust	13,133	39,129	-
	Cumberland	13,013	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>26,146</b>	<b>39,129</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

COX R1 accounts (SS)

1

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

04/04/2023

## B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

## B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-



## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Bike generator		1,195	-
Waste into Wellbeing assets held in the South Lakes Foyer		776	-
Waste into Wellbeing assets held in the Coach House		330	-
Waste into Wellbeing assets held in main Stricklandgate House main store		510	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

## B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alan Lovett	13/4/2023
	Christopher Rowley	13/4/2023

## Supplementary Notes

### *Cumbria Coal Mine Crowd Funding*

In addition to the account details contained in the Charity Commission CC-16a report, I wish to draw attention to other moneys raised by SLACC-tt, for the legal costs of our Cumbria Coal Mine campaigns. Crowd funding appeals were launched with CrowdJustice (URL <https://www.crowdjustice.com>). The appeals are entitled "LAST CHANCE to STOP the CUMBRIA COAL MINE" and "Challenge the Cumbria Coal Mine Decision". All funds raised from both appeals were paid, net of fees and VAT, directly to Richard Buxton Solicitors by CrowdJustice. SLACC-tt receives no income from the campaigns.

Here are the sums paid in 2022 to Richard Buxton Solicitors by CrowdJustice from the appeals:

#### LAST CHANCE to STOP the CUMBRIA COAL MINE

- £ 0.00  
i.e. last payment was in 2021

#### Challenge the Cumbria Coal Mine Decision

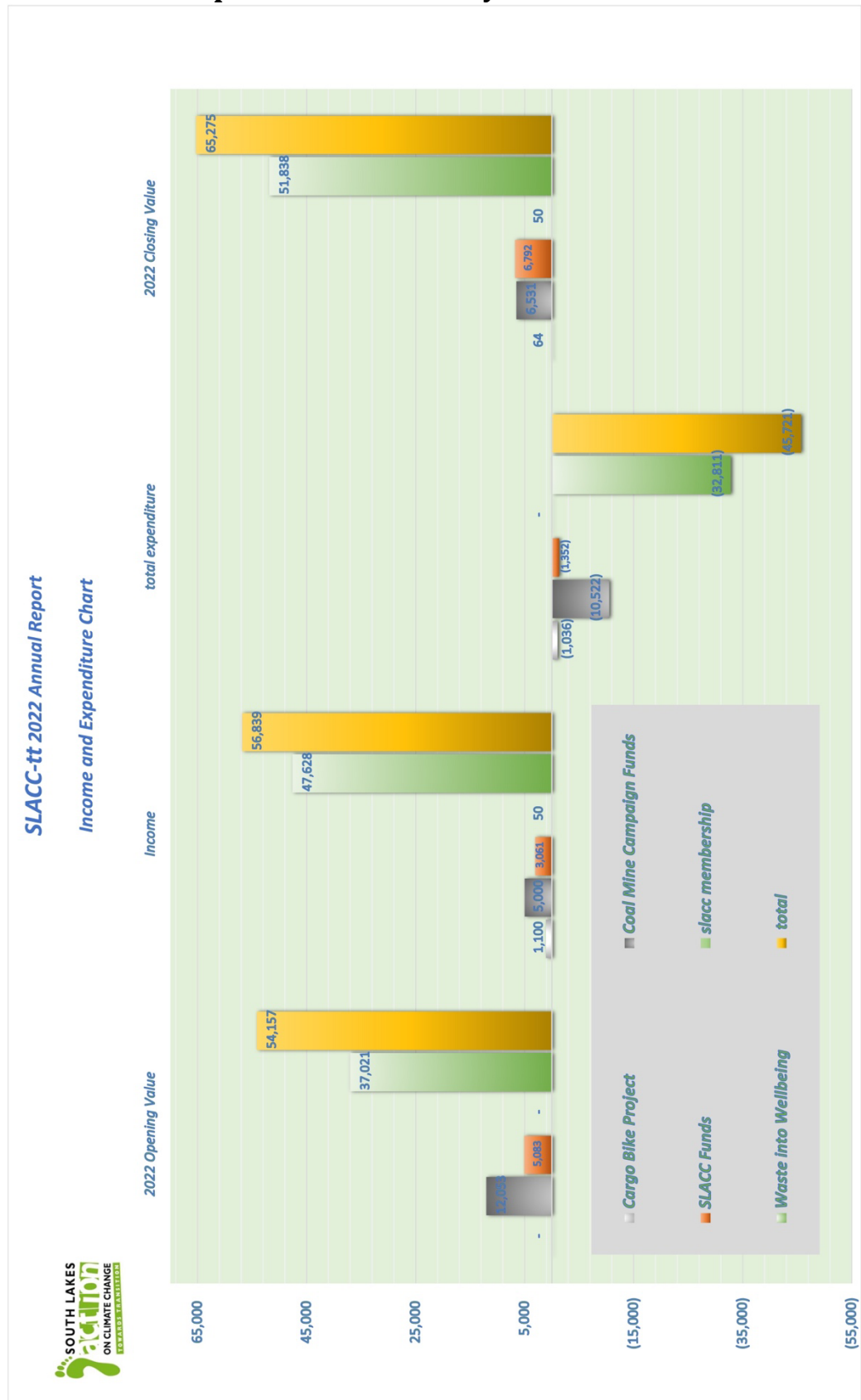
- £ 22,097.30

Signed

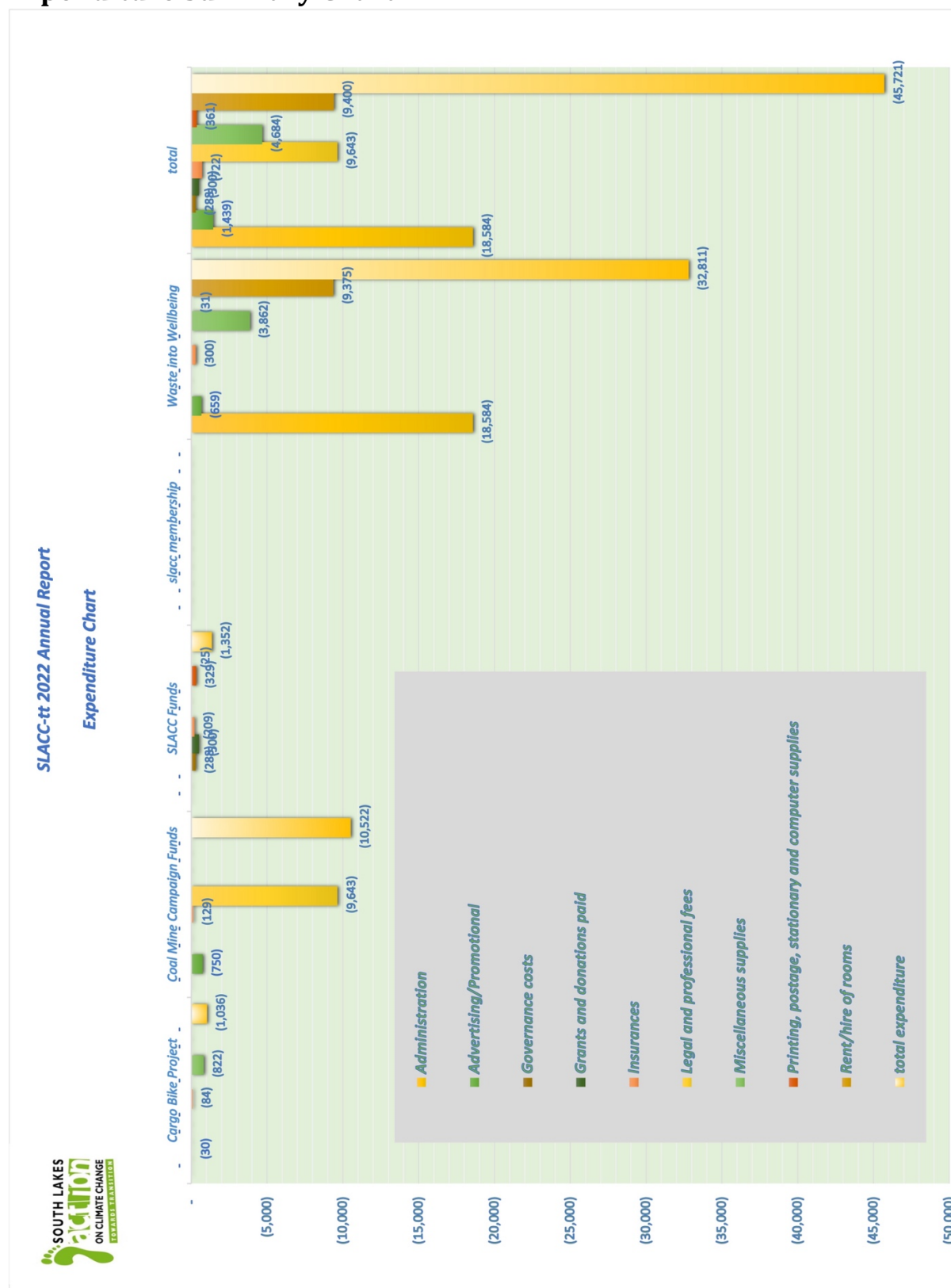


Alan Lovett, SLACC-tt Treasurer  
4th April 2023

## Income and Expenditure Summary Chart



## Expenditure Summary Chart



**Andrew Dixon FCA**  
**Chapel, Main Street, North Newington, Oxfordshire, OX15 6AJ**  
**Telephone: 07470 973896 E mail: andrewcdixon@me.com**

20 April 2023

The Trustees  
 South Lakes Action On Climate Change - Towards Transition  
 92 Stricklandgate  
 Kendal  
 LA9 4PU

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Lakes Action On Climate Change - Towards Transition**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Lakes Action On Climate Change - Towards Transition (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Andrew Dixon FCA**

## Our Funders

***We remain indebted to the numerous supporters of our projects, particularly waste food re-distribution.***



Special thanks must also go to the number of private donors who support our operation with one-off or regular donations.



***And in addition, individuals who have regularly supported us alongside donations made at share and café events. These donations have helped us to maintain and develop aspects of our work which are not directly funded.***