

BrightonSoup CIO

**Report & Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

Charity Number: 1162898

Creating community engagement





Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: BrightonSoup CIO

Registration Number: 1162898

Registered Address: 9 Norman Road
Brighton & Hove City
East Sussex
BN3 4LS

Trustees:

Karin Anjos	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Resigned 15/01/2022</i>
Peter Rostron	<i>Treasurer</i>	
Will Anjos	<i>Secretary</i>	
Angel Anjos		
Caroline O'Kane		
Matt Brabner	<i>Appointed as Chair 15/01/2022</i>	

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank plc
PO Box 101
1 Balloon Street
Manchester
M60 4EP



Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was founded in April 2015.

The initial trustees were taken from those involved in the beginning of the organisation. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees and serve a **three**-year term after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The Constitution allows for a maximum of **12** Trustees. On Appointment new trustees are given a copy of the foundation constitution, the charity committee guidance, and a copy of the last years accounts.

At regular trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity of the charity, including consideration of investment, reserves, risk management policies and performance. The day-to-day administrations are handled by the Team Soup Committee, made up of trustees and volunteers.

All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.



Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is to further such charitable purposes (charitable under English law) for the benefit of the public or for the benefit of the community as the trustees see fit from time to time in Brighton and Hove City.

BrightonSoup does this by helping bring together those needing funding to start or maintain small local community projects and the local community themselves to become aware of these projects and to help fund them. Using a working model developed in Detroit, USA, we host funding events to bring these groups together. People with projects requiring funding come to pitch and engage with local people about their project. Local people pay a nominal fee of £4 to attend, listen to the pitches, eat and drink, chat about and to the projects, listen to some local entertainment and then vote for their favourite project, which gets all the door money the guests have paid.

Although one project gets the guest ticket money and donations raised that evening, the community engagement in the room means that all the projects can get help and support at the event. People have donated equipment, services, skills, time and in some instances directly funded the project. This is a key part of what we want to achieve. We support the people that pitch throughout the process, meeting them, helping them prepare, giving training and support through to the event itself. Our aim is for them to meet the community and in doing so gain important supporters even when they don't win the vote. We try to continue this support after the event by promoting their activities and bringing more groups and people together where we can.

In many instances we have had local people, businesses and other organisations "match fund" the event to double the pot for the winning project. In some instances, the extra funds have been given to the runners up. The support we have had has been heart-warming. As all the door money and event donations go to the winning project on the night, we rely on a raffle to cover our own costs. The support of local businesses has been crucial to this, and we are blessed with the support we have received.

It is no understatement to say that the BrightonSoup could not operate without the support of our volunteers. We are amazed at how many people are willing to get involved. The chefs that freely provided the delicious food and the guests that brought their own food and drink to share. The musicians and speakers that gave their time FOC to entertain. Those that help run BrightonSoup, that come along on the day to help set-up and decorate the room. Those that help and serve people, make drinks, wash up, clean up, and put everything back at the end of the evening.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all our volunteers.



Covid-19 Impact

Due to the Covid-19 lockdowns, and continuing pandemic, there were no live soup events during this year. Instead, the trustees decided to host an event online. We hope to return to live events in 2022.

With the events being online we still managed to raise two fair sized donation pots for the winning projects, but we were unable to host a raffle, which usually provides funding for Brighton Soup itself.

The online events were very different to the live ones we usually host, but we kept the main sense of a Brighton Soup event, with 4 project pitches, some live music and soup. Prior to the event we sent out one of our familiar chef's soup recipes, beautifully illustrated by a volunteer, so soupers could make the recipe at home and still enjoy delicious soup during the voting. On the night our soup chef demonstrated making the soup.

Project applications, the selection committee and pitch training were all carried out over Zoom. We intend to continue the initial selection process online as we found it easier to manage for us and the participants. However, Pitch training will return to being in person as soon as restrictions allow.

The online events had many of our regular soupers, but it also gave the opportunity for new people to join, which included people from Sweden, Birmingham and London who had links to Brighton.

All voting was done live, electronically via zoom.

Achievements and Performance

In our 6th year we only held one event, and that was online over Zoom. We had **8** community projects applied, **4** were selected to pitch, and one as a reserve – with **1** winning project.

As well as the funds, there were offers of help and support from guests to the projects.



The Events & Projects

BS21 @ Zoom – March 2021

Jacob Berkson pitched and won the vote and **£552** in donations for the **Broadband for Asylum Seekers** project, run by Brighton based **Thousand for Thousand**.

The Guests

We sold **87** tickets to the online event - over **100** people watched over Zoom.

We could never hope to recreate the same feeling of a community sharing food together, but we still managed to raise over £550 from the attendees. An online poll found that 95% of everyone that attended said the evening was 'fabulous' or 'good'.

We don't record demographic data, but we know that the age groups of those usually attending vary from very young to elderly, students, families, etc. This still seemed to be the case.

There were some people that attended online, that wouldn't usually be able to attend our live events. We are considering offering an online option to our future live events to enable more people to engage with their community.

The networking opportunities of an online event are very limited, but we hope to return to live events in early 2022.



Financial Review

Income

During this period, we received income of **£879**.

- We hosted one online event and received **£616** in donations: **£552** in event income from entry tickets and donations was allocated to the winning project, and a further **£64** of post-event donations were allocated to the winning project and runners up.
- We received **£264** from event and personal donations.

During this period, we received no grants.

Costs

Excluding the donations of **£616** awarded to projects, our costs for the year were **£446**:

- The cost for hosting the online event at **£43**, was considerably less than the usual costs for our live events.
- Our organisational costs were **£403**, the biggest costs being equipment storage and insurance.
- The ring-fenced grants from Sussex Community Foundation and The Chalk Cliff Trust were cleared in this period. Due to the pandemic, The National Lottery Community Fund has only partly been utilised.

Reserves

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately 6 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level provides sufficient funds to maintain our activities and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.



Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Matt Brabner", written over a long, thin horizontal line.

Matt Brabner

Chair

30th January 2021

Profit and Loss

BrightonSoup

Date Range: Apr 01, 2020 to Mar 31, 2021



ACCOUNTS

Apr 01, 2020
to Mar 31, 2021

Income	
BSoup - Business Donations	£6.10
BSoup - Event Donations	£24.25
BSoup - Personal Donations	£233.04
Project - Event Tickets	£551.88
Project - Personal Donations	£63.97
Total Income	£879.24
Cost of Goods Sold	
Event - Equipment Hire	£43.17
Event - Funds for Runner Up Projects	£34.59
Event - Funds for Winning Projects	£581.26
Total Cost of Goods Sold	£659.02
Gross Profit	£220.22
As a percentage of Total Income	25.05%
Operating Expenses	
IT & Website	£102.81
Rent - Equipment Storage	£300.00
Total Operating Expenses	£402.81

Net Profit	-£182.59
As a percentage of Total Income	-20.77%

Balance Sheet

BrightonSoup

As of Mar 31, 2021



ACCOUNTS

Mar 31, 2021

Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Bank Account	£1,091.39
Bank Account - Project Funds	£0.70
Prepaid Card	£1,000.00
Total Cash and Bank	£2,092.09
Other Current Assets	
Contra Account	-£0.70
Total Other Current Assets	-£0.70
Long-term Assets	
Total Long-term Assets	£0.00
Total Assets	£2,091.39

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	£0.00
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	£0.00
Total Liabilities	£0.00

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	£2,273.98
Profit between Apr 1, 2020 and Mar 31, 2021	-£182.59
Total Retained Earnings	£2,091.39
Total Equity	£2,091.39

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Draft Income Statement Breakdown - Year to 31st March 2021

Income	BSoup	Ring Fenced - Projects & Grants				Totals
		Projects	Homity / CCT	SCF	TNL Fund	
Balance b/f	792.67	0.00	448.00	33.31	1,000.00	2,273.98
BSoup - Business Donations	6.10					6.10
BSoup - Event Donations	24.25					24.25
BSoup - Event Raffle						0.00
BSoup - Grants						0.00
BSoup - Personal Donations	233.04					233.04
BSoup - Ticket Processing Fees						0.00
Gift Aid						0.00
Project - Business Donations						0.00
Project - Event Donations						0.00
Project - Event Tickets		551.88				551.88
Project - Match Funding						0.00
Project - Personal Donations		63.97				63.97
						0.00
Total Income	263.39	615.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	879.24

Direct Costs	BSoup	Projects	Homity / CCT	SCF	TNL Fund	Totals
Event - Decorations						0.00
Event - Equipment Hire					43.17	43.17
Event - Food & Drink						0.00
Event - Funds for Winning Projects		615.85				615.85
Event - Meeting Costs						0.00
Event - Payment Processing Fees						0.00
Event - Printing						0.00
Event - Sundry Expenses						0.00
Event - Training						0.00
Event - Venue Hire						0.00
Total Direct Costs	0.00	615.85	0.00	0.00	43.17	659.02

Operating Surplus	263.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	(43.17)	220.22
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Overheads	BSoup	Projects	Homity / CCT	SCF	TNL Fund	Totals
Admin Costs						0.00
Advertising & Promotion						0.00
Equipment						0.00
Equipment Hire						0.00
Equipment Storage Rent			300.00			300.00
IT & website			45.19	33.31		78.50
Insurances						0.00
Meeting Costs						0.00
Office Supplies						0.00
Payment Processing Fees						0.00
Printing						0.00
Professional Fees						0.00
Sundry Expenses						0.00
Training & Subscriptions						0.00
Travel & Parking						0.00
Total Overheads	0.00	0.00	345.19	33.31	0.00	378.50

Total Costs	0.00	615.85	345.19	33.31	43.17	1,037.52
Closing Balance for Year	263.39	0.00	(345.19)	(33.31)	(43.17)	(158.28)

Balance Sheet @ 31 March 2021	1,056.06	0.00	102.81	(0.00)	956.83	2,115.70
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Funder	Grant Details	Dates
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	Admin & £100 Youth Soup scoping *never used youth scoping	
The Chalk Cliff Trust (CCT)	£1K for overheads inc equipment, training, storage, meeting/travel costs, printing, website and IT/office supplies & insurance	
Homity Trust	£500 for overheads	
TNL Community Fund	£1,000 for events: Display board, Pop-up banners, leaflets & distribution/delivery *REVISED	31/08/2021