



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 1st April 2020  
**To** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Period start date**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name:** Peckham Coal Line

**Charity registration number:** 1165247

## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Peckham and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

<p><b>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</b></p>	<p>Principle activities in pursuit of the Peckham Coal Line's aims and public period during in this period have included:</p> <p>Working with stakeholders to bring forward development of stages 3, 5 and 7 of the Feasibility Study, published by the charity in 2018, to enact the delivery of the line. This has included local authorities and developers with interests along the area of the proposed line.</p> <p>In line with Covid19 pandemic social distancing measures engagement with supporters and the community moved online through a series of salons to seek input and articulate the benefits of the project, specifically the development of the Bidwell Street Entrance to the Kirkwood Nature Reserve.</p> <p>There were associated hosting costs with these activities. This included the platform and organisers. In addition, the charity incurred general operational overhead costs during the reporting year relating to website hosting and file sharing. The only income received through the reporting year was a one-off donation. The costs were principally funded through existing reserves.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The Peckham Coal Line trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>The development of the Peckham Coal Line has been made possible by a team of local volunteers. Thousands of hours of time since the idea's inception have allowed the Peckham Coal Line to be where it is today.</p> <p>The Peckham Coal Line does not currently employ any members of staff.</p>

## Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The feasibility study (funded and commissioned by the charity) was published in June 2018 and is available via [this link](#) on the charity's website (in full and summarised version).

The key findings from the study is that the project is feasible and will benefit the local community (and indeed the wider society) in 6 key ways:

- Connectivity (walking and cycling route)
- Heritage
- Community (demonstrating how communities can work together)
- Greening the city (connecting pockets of nature across the line)
- Innovation and local prosperity (creating new workspaces and connecting two local high streets)
- Health and Wellbeing

The charity's achievements during the 2020-21 year Including adapting an evolving engagement so as to keep stakeholders connected despite challenging social distancing. The trustees were focused on:

### **1. Working towards the first phases of delivering the Peckham Coal Line Project.**

The charity's main project during the year related to the Stable yard site. This formally derelict site forms a key part of the Peckham Coal Line's "low line" route, lying immediately to the south of the railway tracks, and was acquired in 2019 by property developers.

The Trustees used power of the Coal Line's network of supporters to influence the local authority and the site's developers (and the local authority) to amend the plans so that the development was more closely aligned with delivering the benefits of the Coal Line, and was in keeping with the charity's principles of inclusion and environment. Late 2021 the project was delivered successfully and this success demonstrates the support the charity enjoys, and hence its ability to influence key stakeholders.

There was regular on-going engagement with stakeholders at Southwark Council the Greater London Authority regarding funding and support for delivering phases of the line, notably between Bidwell Street and Queens Road Peckham.

In addition, the charity helped drive improvements to the western entrance to Kirkwood Nature Reserve.

	<p>Southwark Council invested in, organised and delivered Peckham Coal Line community generated designs to make the space more accessible and welcoming. The work is ongoing and phase 2 of this should have started later in 2021.</p> <p>The charity initiated discussions with the new owners of the site at the western end of the Coal Line, off Rye Lane, that is currently used as a scaffolding yard. This is a large site, meaning the design and future use of the land will be critical to the viability of the proposed high-line route of the Coal Line.</p> <p><b>2. Community engagement</b> In 2020, Covid 19 restrictions shifted our community engagement online. We have continued our newsletter and in September we held an online poll to establish what residents would like included as part of the stable yard landscaping – edible planting and kitchen garden are now included in the scheme being delivered later this year. At the start of 2021 the organisation carried out a tender process to appoint firm of architects/engineers to open Bidwell Street to Queens Road (stage 7). Public participation and engagement was provided through a series of online ‘salons’ hosted by Jason Page and the ‘South London Salon’</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	At the end of the period the financial position of the Peckham Coal Line was represented by a cash balance of £3,971.01.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Retain sufficient balances to cover operational overheads, for example relating to the website and third party insurance
Amount of reserves held	£3,971.01
Reasons for holding zero reserves	The Peckham Coal Line remains a small charity with no fixed and only a few, modest operational outgoings. All subsequent payments will be covered by existing funds.
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the	The charity is a going concern, as it is in the Trustees' opinion that reserves are sufficient to cover expected

charity continuing as a going concern	costs for the forthcoming years. Any major further expenditure, such as on capital projects, would be dependent upon further fundraising or grant receipts.
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#### **Additional information**

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>The Peckham Coal Line did not fundraise during the year. This is because the charity's activities were focused around influencing developers and stakeholders, which did not incur any cost. As a result, the charity did not raise any other new funds but relied on reserves carried over from 2019/20.</p> <p>Since the end of the reporting year, the charity continues to negotiate the disbursement of grants totalling £150,000 awarded by Southwark Council and the Greater London Authority to facilitate the creation of a new footpath and cycle link between Bidwell Street and Queens Road, thus delivering the eastern end of the Coal Line. These grants have not been released by the authorities and we are still in negotiation.</p>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	The Peckham Coal Line has a Constitution document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	The Peckham Coal Line is registered as a CIO - Foundation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<p>Appointment of charity trustees:</p> <p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p> <p>As the Peckham Coal Line develops, the trustee structure and make up will need to evolve in order to further reflect the needs of the CIO.</p>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Peckham Coal Line
Other name the charity uses	PCL
Registered charity number	1165247
Charity's principal address	c/o 108 St Mary's Road Peckham SE15 2DU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Nick Woodford		Jan 2016 to present	
	2	Kirsty Austin		Jan 2016 to present	
	3	Nick Ambrose		Jan 2016 to Oct 2021	
	4	Louise Armstrong		Jan 2016 to present	
	5	Anna Rose Hughes		Jan 2016 to present	



### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature		
Full name	Nick Woodford	Louise Armstrong
Position	Chairman	Trustee
Date	10th Jan 2022	10th Jan 2022





Peckham Coal Line

No 1165247

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/4/2020		31/3/2021

### 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>					
04/03/2021 Amazon donation	-	-	-	-	50
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	50
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	50
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
22/04/2020 NameCheap NameHost	6.52	-	-	7	0.00
27/04/2020 Markel Insurance	125.44			125	0.00
19/07/2020 TearDusk filming	2000	-	-	2,000	0.00
03/01/2021 NameCheap NameHost	11.15			11	0.00
31/01/2021 Dropbox Services	95.88			96	0.00
11/03/2021 DTIngloria Tech abd sound	315			315	0.00
Sub total	2,554	-	-	2,554	0.00
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,554	-	-	2,554	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,554	-	-	- 2,554	50
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6525	-	-	6,525	-
Cash funds this year end		3,971.01	-	3,971	50

## Section B Statement of asset

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds in bank (end of year)	3,971	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Total cash funds	3,971	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	n/a	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	n/a		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

n/a		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)



n/a		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	Louise Armstrong	10/1/2022
	Nick Woodford	10/1/2022