

Charity registration number: 1182997

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 March 2022**



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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name Sustainable Sussex CIO

Charity registration number 1182997

Principal office

Sompting Estate Office
Lambleys Lane
Worthing
West Sussex
BN14 9JX

Trustees

Liane Webb
Mike Tristram
Ruth Kenward
Keith Colin
Gerard Cronin

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Structure, governance and management

The trust is governed by a Trust Deed dated 15 April 2019.

Trustees have kept under review the major risks facing the trusts and have taken appropriate steps to manage them.

Objectives and activities

Sustainable Sussex supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult through providing real-work experience and education on and around Sompting Estate. Our activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as part of our social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm.

Reserves policy

Funds are held at the year end, all for intended use in the following year with none consciously held as longer term reserves. Funds will be raised for future activities.

Risk assessment

The trustees have considered the various risks to which the trust is potentially exposed, and are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of these risks.

Public benefit reporting

The Trustees understand how the above objects of the charity are beneficial to the public, and confirm that they have regard to guidelines from the Charity Commission on the same.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued

Achievements and Performance

This reporting year began with some Covid restrictions still in place and so lambing took place at the Fen Farm with closed doors to the public for infection control reasons. Given the vulnerable nature of volunteers and beneficiaries the utmost caution was practiced until Covid vaccination boosters were completed and measures relaxed somewhat.

As restrictions reduced Sustainable Sussex utilised the local council-funded support services of BH Community Works to advertise volunteer opportunities, including opportunities in the market garden and with shepherding. Amongst other volunteers, this brought 3 generations of a local home-schooling family to the projects and helped a young man achieve his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Most new volunteers during this period were short-lived, due to the advertising being primarily in Brighton and Hove and people having to travel a long distance to reach the sites. Volunteer recruitment was then changed to a more local approach resulting in better volunteer retention. Several pre-pandemic beneficiaries returned while a focus was made to recruit leaders to grow the projects safely.

Funding was raised in partnership with Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and Sompting Estate for temporary volunteer facilities and orders placed for a composting toilet, volunteer welfare unit and a permanent green-roof cycle shelter to begin building infrastructure of The Fen Farm – Sompting Community Farm, Nature Trail and Community Orchard.

Sustainable Sussex delivered bi-weekly sessions to vulnerable adults in mixed groups throughout this reporting period.

Sustainable Sussex made food donations to partnership organisations including The Community House (Worthing Homes), Worthing Soup Kitchen, Lancing and Sompting Food banks, Breathing Spaces CIC and direct to Sustainable Sussex beneficiaries. These included fresh eggs, fresh vegetables and distributed plants donated by Tristram Plants. Through the charity, The Sustainable Mind delivered 10 free one-to-one mental health and anxiety support sessions referred through the Going Local Social Prescribing team.

Financial review

The charity ended the period with £1,903 of Unrestricted funds, a satisfactory improvement on the previous year £498. It also had £10,963 of restricted purpose grant funds. The trust aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure the day to day operations continue, and to contribute to future activities. Whilst trustees aspire in the future to develop a 6-12 month reserve so as to assure future continuity, no minimum reserve level is currently held. Operational funds are raised as and when needed including as backstop from our principal funding partner the Sompting Estate.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

M G Tristram

Date: 10 January 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Income from:					
Donations from individuals		-	-	-	997
Donations from businesses		5,000	-	5,000	-
Project funding		8,400	-	8,400	8,400
Charitable activities:					
Trading activities		500	-	500	-
Grant income		-	12,955	12,955	-
Total income		13,900	12,955	26,855	9,397
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	12,495	1,992	14,487	10,406
Total expenses		12,495	1,992	14,487	10,406
Net income/(expenditure)		1,405	10,963	12,368	(1,009)
Total funds brought forward		498	-	498	1,507
Total funds carried forward		1,903	10,963	12,866	498

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2022 or 2021 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Office equipment		147	147
Current assets			
Cash at bank		17,286	2,006
		<u>17,286</u>	<u>2,006</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(4,567)	(1,655)
Net current assets		<u>12,719</u>	<u>351</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		12,866	498
		<u>12,866</u>	<u>498</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		1,903	498
Restricted funds		10,963	-
Total Funds		<u>12,866</u>	<u>498</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Principal accounting policies***Basis of accounting***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (SORP) applicable to charities.

Incoming resources

All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

2 Charitable activities expenditure

	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds
Direct charitable activities spend				
Costs of direct charitable activities	1,717	1,992	3,709	100
Advertising & Marketing	130	-	130	19
Consulting	8,520	-	8,520	8,400
Minibus	661	-	661	357
Telephone & Internet	269	-	269	513
Insurance	914	-	914	927
Stationery and Computer	284	-	284	-
Accountancy	-	-	-	90
	12,495	1,992	14,487	10,406

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Liane Webb and Keith Colin received payment for their services to the charity of £4,320 and £4,200 respectively (2021: £4,200 and £4,200).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

I report on the accounts of the charitable trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed under its constitution.

It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) the 2011 Act), and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Alexander Spofforth FCA for and on behalf of Spofforth Partners Limited
Chartered Accountants
Byne Cottage, Manley's Hill
Storrington. West Sussex RH20 4BN

Date: 10 January 2023