

Curiosity Sussex
(A registered CIO)

Report and Financial Statements
Year ending 30 April 2021

Charity number 1185269

Report of the trustees for the year ending 30 April 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the consolidated financial statements of the CIO for the year ending 30 April 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Trustee's Report and Accounts for the Charity Commission.

Chair's Report

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our plans for 2021 continued to be heavily impacted, including the cancellation of Lewes STEMfest and Brighton WonderFest. We were pleased that we managed to achieve community based activities in East Brighton, despite the plans having to be adapted several times due to ongoing restrictions.

I would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, trustees and the public for their support in making our work possible.

Dr Stephen Wilkins
Chair

Our Purpose

The objects of the CIO are:

For the public benefit, promote learning for pleasure by people of all ages across Sussex in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including but not limited to:

- a. Produce live events that enable diverse audiences across Sussex to participate in informal STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) learning;
- b. Enable and promote local STEM events, through online promotion and logistical support;
- c. Invite local people to contribute their knowledge and interests, celebrating and exploring their curiosity while fostering understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

Our Activities & Projects

East Sussex Community Science Club 2021

Reviewing the visitor data from Brighton WonderFest 2019, it was identified that, despite being based right next to the region, there were very few visitors from East Sussex. To build relationships in the area, we worked with local community organisers to deliver engagement sessions. We worked with The Crew Club and the newly formed East Brighton Community Science Club to deliver a zoom 'meet the scientist' session. We also delivered activity boxes to the young people who attended the zoom session. The project was funded by UK Research and Innovation and the UK Science Festivals Network. The activities had to be modified due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are grateful to Keith Turner from the East Brighton Community Science Club who supported the coordination.

Brighton WonderFest 2021

This event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lewes STEMfest 2021

This event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Review

The CIO ended its first financial period with a positive balance. The principal funding sources were the British Science Association and the principal expenses were for the East Sussex Community Science Club.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number:1185269

Principal Office: 53 Christie Avenue, Ringmer, BN8 5JT

Trustees

Dr S Wilkins (appointed 11 September 2019) (Chair)

Dr K Petherick (appointed 11 September 2019)

Ms J Currie (appointed 11 September 2019)

Mr P Goodman (appointed 11 September 2019)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Curiosity Sussex is a CIO governed by its Constitution dated 11 September 2019. It is registered with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of trustees

There has been no turnover of trustees since the formation of the charity.

Trustee induction and training

There has not been a requirement to hold a trustee induction since the charity's formation, as there has been no turnover of trustees. Trustees receive necessary training through a collaboration with the UK Science Festivals Network.

Organisation

The board of four trustees administers the charity. The board meets at least quarterly, with sub-committees covering individual activities/events. The board has a Chair of trustees who coordinates the board and charity operations.

Related parties

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with a contracted company must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which is focussed on individual activity/event risks

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

By order of the trustees
Dr S Wilkins (Chair)
21 February 2021

Curiosity Sussex
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
for year ending 30 April 2021

	Note	Total Funds, £
Funds carried forward		£1750.82
Income		
BSA Grant		£2,160.00
TOTAL INCOME		£2,160.00
Expenditure		
East Sussex Community Science Club		
Venue		200
Materials		825.27
Other		
Insurance		96
Web		17.74
Trustee reimbursement		1108.44
TOTAL EXPENSES		£2,247.45
TOTAL funds carried forwards		£2,771.81

Signed S Wilkins

Name STEPHEN WILKINS, Chair of trustees on behalf of the trustees

Approved by the trustees on 1 February 2022