

SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM
20 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2021.

Objective

Sussex Green Living is a charity and its objective is to provide education to the public on how to adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle and improve their ability to reduce their impact on the planet in meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

This year has been a busy year for public engagement, but not our normal portfolio of activities. Due to the pandemic, Carrie Cort, CEO has been organising and running weekly online events using Zoom and digital communications. Our once a month physical climate café took place weekly for much of the year with online event attendance some months nearing 200 people from all over the world. In June we formed a new online event the Horsham Future Forum, which focused uniting faith, environmental and community groups in Horsham District who worked together to 'build back better, greener and fairer' and these were attended by the general public too. In June we also formed a Youth Eco Forum, who still meet every other week using Zoom. Our Repair Café provided a drop and collect service with only one physical event in September.

Our volunteers who run our single use plastic recycling service in many of the surrounding towns and villages kept operating during the pandemic. During 2020 we set up new services in six villages, expanding our operations to twelve locations. During the summer we received donations which enabled us to build a recycling hub and increase our capacity.

We achieved our first BBC TV appearance in May and won a gold award at the CPRC Countryside Awards in October. We started writing a weekly half page column in the West Sussex Country Times in October, thus reaching a much wider audience and increasing our subscribers daily.

Throughout the winter we have been working hard with an exciting new outreach project for 2021, the purchase and retrofitting of a 1974 milk float which we call the Inspiration Eco Station. This will be going out into schools, colleges, markets and community events as part of our Bright New Future Roadshow.

This year saw small additional sources of revenue through Smile Amazon, Pay Pal Just Giving, The Giving Machine and Eventbrite event donations. Our annual eco art project this year was run in partnership with the South Downs National Park and funded by a Boltini Trust grant. Sustainable energy workshops provided education during the summer holidays for families and young people. Our Youth Eco Forum secured a grant to run an outdoor education event for young people from three schools. We also received funding from Mid Sussex County Council and Tesco Bags of Help to produce fun environmental education videos for the summer holidays and virtual festivals.

Constitution

Sussex Green Living is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 May 2020. The constitution of the Charity was adopted on 17 April 2020 and was based on the Charity Commission model constitution.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1189569
Email: info@sussexgreenliving.co.uk
Website: www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk
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The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Paul Bellringer OBE
Ian Hutchinson (resigned 30 April 2021)
Karrie Mellor
Jill Shuker (appointed 30 April 2021)

Financial review

Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £2,000.

The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 4th June 2021.

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Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sussex Green Living ("the Trust") for the period to 31 March 2021.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Heather Turner FCMA
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Fern Road
Storrington
RH20 4LW
Dated: 4th June 2021

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Notes	2021 Total £	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations and grants		24,348	16,683	7,665
Loan granted to the Charity	2	4,963	4,963	
Total receipts		<u>29,311</u>	<u>21,646</u>	<u>7,665</u>
Payments				
Salary		6,510	6,510	
Purchase of milk float		5,450		5,450
Repayment of the loan	2	4,963	4,963	
Other charitable expenditure		7,073	5,120	1,953
Total payments		<u>23,996</u>	<u>16,593</u>	<u>7,043</u>
Transfers between the funds			(603)	603
Fund balance at 31 March 2021		<u>5,315</u>	<u>4,450</u>	<u>865</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £
Assets		
Cash in Bank and in hand		5,315
Total Assets		<u>5,315</u>
Total funds		<u>5,315</u>

Notes to the accounts

1. These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis. As the Charity is registered in England and Wales, is not a company and has gross income that is not over £250,000 it is permitted under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare receipts and payments accounts.
2. Sussex Green Living traded as a taxable entity prior to becoming a charity on 20 May 2020. The funds of the entity on 19 May 2020 were £4,963 and this sum was loaned interest free to the Charity and repaid during the period.

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