

SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM
01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2023.

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 negative 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

It has been a challenging year in that the work of the charity has increased but, in an increasingly competitive market for funds, we have not been able to secure sufficient income to achieve all that we would have wished. It is being widely stated that in the current financial climate, charities have a one in ten chance of an application for grant funding being successful.

That said we have been able to employ a part-time member of staff who has assisted the CEO and focussed on marketing and communications. Consequently, demand for our roadshows using the 1974 electric milk-float have increased and our monthly Sussex Green Hub has seen a steadily increasing interest in the repair café, refill and recycling services. During the year we were able to add bicycle repairs to items the charity endeavours to restore to working order. Educational visits to schools, which are a core aspect of our work, we delivered 41 school days and attended 31 events with our mobile eco float.

Having been a Charitable Incorporated Organisation since the middle of 2020 we have continued to improve aspects of governance and efficiency through the development or review of policies and the first year of our three-year Business Plan. Key aspects of the Plan included extending the influence and impact of the charity across the county, further develop networks and alliances, establish the 'repair café' concept across the Horsham District, encourage communities and organisations to measure their carbon savings; and improve means of measuring effectiveness. The year has seen some modest progress in meeting these objectives.

A further key objective is to establish a daily Climate Action Hub on the high street, but because of the overarching challenge of securing additional income streams this remains an aspiration that SGL will continue to endeavour to achieve.

SGL continues to work with and extend its partnerships that include Horsham's United Reformed Church who have been very supportive in continuing to host our monthly Sussex Green Hub event; the Horsham Quakers and Horsham Unitarians who host our main Horsham recycling public drop off and recycling hub; and St John the Evangelist R C Church who provide space for our Horsham Repair Cafe bike repairs. Collaboration with the South East Climate Alliance of which our CEO is a co-founder, and OnePlanet with its platform which is helping us join us our environmental network.

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. This has remained unchanged through the 2022 – 2023 year.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number:	1189569
Email:	info@sussexgreenliving.co.uk
Website:	www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk
Contact address:	The White House, Coneyhurst, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH

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)
Dan Petrak (appointed 25 August 2021)
Liz Thorns (appointed 25 August 2021)
Hamish McDermid (appointed 08 November 2022)

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 January 2024.

Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

On accounts for the year ended

31st MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189569

Set out on pages

FORM CC16A

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. ~~Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Lynn Rowlands

Date:

2/5/24

Name:

LYNN ROWLANDS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Notes	2023 Total £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations and grants		45,362	23,855	21,507
Total receipts		<u>45,362</u>	<u>23,855</u>	<u>21,507</u>
Payments				
Marketing incl. stalls & banners		12,471	6,558	5,913
Salary		12,461	5,671	5,112
Contractors (Educators)		4,808	3,411	3,075
Refill Centre expenses		3,036	1,597	1,439
Website & IT		2,628	1,382	1,246
Print Postage & Stationery		2,169	1,141	1,029
Travel		1,654	870	784
Insurance		1,062	559	504
Other charitable expenditure <£1,000		2,102	523	1,580
Total payments		<u>42,391</u>	<u>21,710</u>	<u>20,681</u>
Fund balance at 31 March 2023		<u>20,410</u>	<u>15,676</u>	<u>4,734</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £
Assets		
Cash in Bank and in hand		20,410
Total Assets		<u>20,410</u>
Total funds		<u>20,410</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.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on January 2024.

Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees