

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts – 17 August 2022 to 31st December 2023

Campaign to Protect Rural England, London CIO (Charity Registration: 1200094)

Introduction

CPRE London has been one of the Capital's leading environmental Charities since 1990. In 2023, our charitable activity was delivered by our unincorporated registered charity, also named CPRE London, registration number 802622 ('Old CPRE'). Details of the registered charity's substantial activity, achievements and financial results for 2023 can be found in the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts for the charity: <https://www.cprelondon.org.uk/resources/test/>

CPRE London Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a new charity ('the CIO'), which has been set up to take over responsibility for delivery of charitable activities from 2024, with the benefits of incorporated legal status. The CIO was registered on 17 August 2022. In 2022/23 the CIO was not active, and this is reflected in this report.

Our charitable activity, staff and volunteers transferred from Old CPRE to the CIO on 1st January 2024 to ensure delivery of our charitable objects through the CIO from that date. The Old CPRE will have transferred all its assets to the CIO by its financial closure, which will take place by December 2024.

The first full annual report and accounts for the CPRE London CIO will be due in October 2025.

The Charitable Purpose and Vision of the CIO

The summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in our governing document are:

To promote and encourage the enhancement and protection of land and natural resources in Greater London and the surrounding Countryside, for the benefit of the public.

Our vision is to help create 'a city with a network of green spaces which are accessible to all, rich in nature and play a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency.'

Our Goals

The CIO did not establish goals for the 2022/23 period, as it was not operational.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees of CPRE London CIO have reviewed the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit. We believe the CIO is compliant with it, through the benefits we plan to bring to the public in London by protecting natural resources and enhancing their access to green space in London, with the physical, mental health and environmental benefits which follow.

Achievements and Performance

The CIO did not operate in 2022/2023 so there were no achievements or performance on which to report, in terms of service delivery, financial or investment performance.

New goals and performance targets were established for the CIO for 2024, and the activities and achievements delivered during the 2024 year will be reported in 2025.

Staff and Volunteers

The CIO employed no staff and had no volunteers, other than Trustees, during 2022/23.

Structure, Governance and Management

The CIO is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered as a Charity. The governing document of the CIO is a written constitution. This has been reviewed by the Charity Commission.

Governance is undertaken by a Board of Trustees. Trustees of the CIO stand down annually and are appointed by election for one year at the Annual General meeting of Members. The Board of Trustees may appoint additional co-opted members to fill vacancies occurring during the year, provided they do not exceed one third of total trustee numbers.

The Trustees of the CIO were initially appointed from the Board of Old CPRE. Three new Trustees, including an Honorary Secretary were recruited during 2023 following open advertisement and recommended for appointment by a selection panel.

The day to day management of the CIO will be undertaken by Anna Taylor, Director, who was transferred from the Charity to the CIO from 1st January 2024, following a period of consultation.

Names of the charity trustees who managed the CIO charity at 31st December 2023

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
1	Tony Burton CBE	Chair	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
2	Alena Kalashnikova	Treasurer	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
3	Sally Penrose	Honorary Secretary	Jan- Sept 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
4	Ian Ashman	Honorary Secretary	Co-opted November 2023	Trustee Board
5	Emma Bould	General Trustee	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
6	Catherine Irving-Johnstone	General Trustee	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
7	Justin Portess	General Trustee	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
8	Tara-Jane Sutcliffe	General Trustee	Jan- Dec 2023 (Re-elected June 2023)	AGM
9	Charlotte Ellis	General Trustee	Co-opted November 2023	Trustee Board
10	Christopher Falconer	General Trustee	Co-opted November 2023	Trustee Board

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity and funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The CIO held no property or assets in 2023, nor are any funds held by custodian trustees or bodies.

Names and addresses of advisers

The CIO had no advisers during the period.

No independent examiner for the accounts was required for 2022/23 as there was no financial activity. Arrangements are in place to appoint an independent examiner for the 2024 accounts.

Financial Review

The CIO had no turnover, assets or liabilities during the 2022/2023 period. There were therefore no profits, losses or deficit. Old CPRE was considered to be a going concern at the end of 2023 and had sufficient cash and assets to remain so and meet its liabilities. Given the intention to transfer assets and liabilities of the charity to the CIO, the approval of grant funders to transfer the benefit of grants to the CIO, and ongoing fund raising, the Trustees considered the CIO to be a going concern looking forward into 2024.

A financial return has been completed on a zero turnover basis in CC16 Format and is attached.

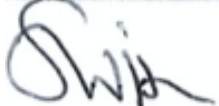
The CIO had no reserves during the 2022/2023 period. The CIO had a reserves policy in readiness for operations in 2024. This policy is to maintain the reserve of unrestricted funds above a minimum level of four months' running costs.

It is planned to ensure all assets and liabilities from Old CPRE, the previous unincorporated charity, number 802622, are fully dealt with and the closure registered with the Charity Commission by December 2024.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Suzanne Wise	Ian Ashman
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair, CPRE London CIO	CPRE London CIO
Date	22 nd October 2024	22 nd October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: Campaign to protect Rural England, London CIO	No (if any) 1200095
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 22 nd June 2022	To	Period end date 31 st December 2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					N/A
None	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
None	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					N/A
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year

None	-	-	-	-	N/A
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	N/A
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	N/A
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	N/A

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds (None)		-	-	
B2 Other monetary assets (None)		-	-	
B3 Investment assets (None)			-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (None)				
B5 Liabilities (None)				