

GREEN STREET GREEN ASSOCIATION (CIO) AGM – 10 MAY 2019

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES

The last 12 months have been the first full year of operation following the successful completion of moving the Village Society (aka GSGA) and The Greenwood Centre Charity to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status, encompassing all elements of our organisation. It has seen a number of changes in the running of the Green Street Green Association that included a name change for the charity and the transfer of funds between the sections as described in the main report.

This has meant that, after number of personnel resignations, we have had a fast learning curve for all the Officers so as to adhere strictly to the requisite and prescriptive regulations of the Charity Commission.

In addition, we decided to dispense with the cleaning contractor once we had found a suitable self-employed cleaner/caretaker and maintenance staff and this has led to savings in costs as well as a marked improvement in the overall condition of the Greenwood Centre - with our Treasurer also undertaking many tasks that we would formerly have had to pay outside organisations for. I think you will agree that the hall looks very acceptable, and I can tell you that the Connect Schools Academy Trust (Crofton Pre-School) is also pleased with the work already undertaken to improve the heating as well as replacing many of the windows and doors.

A partial move to a computer database Membership system will eventually bring us into the modern world, as will proposed amendments to both the Terms of Reference of our Committees which are finalising the changes to the Association logo and Newsletter revamp, following the recent members' vote on the options. In the future, we may be able to distribute the Newsletter and/or other appropriate documents through the internet – making more financial savings together with speed of delivery etc allied to a potential for a slight increase in the number of issues each year.

A slow (but hopefully sure) progress is being made on our plans for further improvements to the Greenwood Centre in the form of disabled facilities, and we are almost at the position of getting building estimates prior to submitting our application to the City Bridge Trust for funds, having completed requirements from Building Regulations with the Council with regards the plans. In addition, the Council has waived any fees that would have been due.

Other involvement with the London Borough of Bromley (LBB) through our Councillors will see the introduction of High Street improvements, where the Association has agreed to fund the introduction of hanging baskets on the newly painted street lamps, once they have been checked for appropriateness, after the first year which will be covered by LBB.

Overall this has resulted in a satisfactory year both structurally and financially, but it is only a start. There is an urgent need for Committee members as well as Trustees so as to even the load for planning and introducing the desired improvements in the Green Street Green area, as well as changing the Terms of Reference for the Committees. Our team continue to put on popular and financially viable events as well as attending local fetes to give the Association a higher profile, and it would be a great shame if this could not be perpetuated.

Bob Trott
Chair of the Trustees
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