

Trustees Annual Report in Brief

Our charity was duly constituted 6 January 2016. The Trustees will present a full annual report and accounts for our first year at the AGM; but a brief outline is set out here:

The first three trustees, Stephen Carlill, Jeffrey Doorn and Robert Goodrick registered the CIO with the Charity Commission. Subsequently, Hazel Watson was elected from Book at Breakfast and Rae Stoltenkamp endorsed by Ruskin Readers. Applications were later approved for Frances Alderson, Danny Friedman, Nicholas Edwards and Demi de Leon. All nine trustees are standing for election at the AGM.

In June we received a grant of £1000 from First Give to put towards developing a business plan for asset transfer. Then in August we were granted £8200 by Lambeth to appoint consultants to work with us on the business plan and provide trustee training. We later successfully applied to Lambeth for a further £1155 to hold public meetings, conduct surveys and related work. Annual income thus totalled £10,355. Expenditure to 31 December totalled £8694.93, leaving a balance of £1660.07.

Having presented an initial business plan on 31 January 2016, we submitted our full three year business plan at the end of October. This had taken into account the results of consultation public meetings in September and the findings of community surveys. The advice and assistance of Fresh Management Solutions proved invaluable, and the relationship is ongoing.

Price Waterhouse Coopers assessed our plan, interviewed trustees and reported to Lambeth. We await the results.