

Charity number 517132

Merseyside Environmental Trust

Accounts

5 April 2018



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Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts to Merseyside Environmental Trust

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2018 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

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9 December 2018

Merseyside Environmental Trust

Chairs Report

33 and Reflecting!

2017 saw Donald Trump, President of the United States of America, pledged to take the USA out of the Paris Accord, the year is set to be in the top 3 hottest years on record, Doris, Aileen, ex hurricane Ophelia and Brian wreaked havoc in the UK, Michael Gove has become Environment Secretary and has announced the establishment of an independent body to oversee the protection of the environment as we leave the EU. The government gave permission for fracking in the north of England.

Closer to home Steve Rotherham took office as the elected Metropolitan Mayor of the Liverpool City Region and Gideon Ben-Tovim (Chair of Nature Connected) has been named as his advisor for the Environment, the Green belt is under threat, air quality is still an issue to be tackled so challenges ahead for our environment still.

This year we chose the UN Sustainable Development Goals as our theme and we have recently sponsored the Liverpool 2030hub which gives MET members access to the 2030hub to meet, hot desk, free WiFi, tea, coffee and access to the knowledge hub. Our publicity and materials are out on display for all who visit the hub to see and access.

With the above as a backdrop the Trust continues developing partnerships to engage in all aspects of society, civic, political and economic and has continued to put on events and award small grants for local people to make a difference to their environment.

Trust Structure for 2017 – 2018

Stephen Yip MBE DL
Dr Geoff Woodcock

President
Vice President

Executive Committee

Stephen Sykes
Don Thompson
Dr Stella Shackel
Prof. Derek Gould
Chris Hennessey
Richard Fassam
David Holland
James Noakes
David Connor
Graeme Moore
Les Bellmon
Julie Anne Parker
Stuart McBain

Chair
Vice Chair

Membership Secretary

(Resigned 16.10.2017)
Communications

(Resigned 16.10.2017)
Secretary / Treasurer

Goodbye and Farewell

During the course of the year we said farewell to David Connor. Julie Anne Parker is also stepping down from the Exec. On behalf of the Executive I would like to thank David and Julie Anne for all their time and efforts on behalf of MET.

Focus / Activity

Green Drinks Liverpool 6th April, Dr Duncan's – Part of the Green Drinks International Network

Our 2017 programme of activity kicked off with our monthly Green Drinks gathering and continued on the first Thursday of the month for the whole year.

Natural Health Service – The Next Steps 9th May 2017

We supported the Mersey Forest with their national Natural Health Service event held at Liverpool John Moores University with 147 delegates in attendance. This event had an array of speakers from academia, foundations and the NHS.

3rd Annual Gary Mahoney Memorial Debate - Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Thursday, 1st June

MET and Liverpool Friends of the Earth presented the annual Gary Mahoney Memorial Debate at The Pearce Suite in The Adelphi Hotel. This was the third annual debate held in honour of Gary Mahoney, Air Quality Manager with Sefton Council and long-time Friends of the Earth representative, whose sudden death in November 2014 was a sad loss for environmentalists on Merseyside and beyond. The title of this year's debate was 'How Green Can We Go?' - Most thinking people are clear that we humans have to tackle climate change and pollution, cut out waste, protect wildlife and allow ourselves green spaces to breathe in, if present and future generations are to live healthily on this planet. The debate asked "So how can we become cleaner and greener locally? What should we expect from our about-to-be-elected national government, our recently-elected 'City Region' Mayor, of corporations and local businesses, of trade unions, faith and community groups, our neighbours...and ourselves"? Chaired and hosted by Annie Merry of Faiths4Change, Clara Paillard, Liverpool-based member of the PCS union's national executive committee and active with Trade Unions for Energy Democracy, and David Connor, Managing of Coethica Ltd and regional promoter of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals opened a discussion on ways of making sure that green words can become green action.

Natural Health Service 25th September at the Sherrington Building University of Liverpool.

Our 3rd Health and the Environment event in partnership with the Duncan Society with guest speaker Clare Olver, Mersey Forest. The Natural Health Service uses the natural environment to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities across Merseyside and North Cheshire. We see the natural environment – our parks, woodlands and other green spaces – as a health asset; places that can contribute to the prevention and treatment of physical and mental health conditions. They are working with Liverpool John Moores University and the University of Liverpool to create a long-term research programme, a Centre of Excellence for Natural Health Service Research. This is already producing ground-breaking work that is helping to improve delivery of the Natural Health Service. The talk explored the results of the work, and progress that has been made over in bringing together a consortium of organisations with the aim of the Natural Health Service being commissioned as part of a holistic approach to health care and improvement.

World Faiths, Climate Change and Community Influence, 14th November at the Mersey Maritime, Maritime Knowledge Hub, Birkenhead.

We sponsored, supported and facilitated a climate change community engagement event organised by Faiths4 Change in partnership with Wirral MBC, Energy Projects Plus, Merseyside Council of Faiths and Merseyside Women in Faith Group (WING). Over 30 delegates attended and participated in 3 workshops on:

1. Energy
2. Waste, Water & Carbon Footprint
3. Community Influence and Activism

With opening remarks from Professor Peter Scott, University of Manchester (Samuel Ferguson Professor of Applied Theology & Director of the Lincoln Theological Institute).

Introduction to the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) for the Public and Social Sectors 14th November 2030hub, Argyle Street, Liverpool.

In partnership with the Liverpool 2030hub we sponsored the above event a two hour introduction to the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the Public and Social Sectors to find out more about the Global Goals, and how the Liverpool City Region can become a beacon for best practice and collaboration.

The session explored:

- 1) What are the UN Sustainable Development Goals / Global Goals?
- 2) What do these look like in a Liverpool City Region context?
- 3) Why cities are the next big thing on the UN radar
- 4) What extra resources are available via the 2030hub and the United Nations through
- 5) Who are the local SDG early adopters and historic leaders
- 6) How to stimulate and create additional private sector collaboration

A full list of past events can be viewed at <http://www.met-net.org.uk/past-events1.html>

Grants

This year grants of £500 have been awarded to:-

- A) Autism Together – Port Sunlight River Park Bioblitz (Wirral)
- B) Ykids – North Park Community Garden (Sefton)
- C) Faiths4Change – Working with Asylum Link Merseyside and Merseyside Refugee
- D) HYPE Merseyside – Hedgerow planting Birkenhead Park

Other Activity

Metropolitan Mayor Elections

People's Vision - Working with Liverpool Friends of the Earth and Transition we engaged in the developing the Peoples Vision Survey to generate a number of questions to pose to the Metropolitan Mayoral Candidates. The survey was publicised via the MET website and social media. A MET volunteer Emma Smith then collated all the free text replies to group them and create appropriate questions.

Clean Air Act Campaign – MET with the partners above jointly signed a Letter to all Metro Mayor Candidates about air quality.

Interviews with Students for Projects

We have also hosted a number of interviews from students from both the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores as well as interviews with students from Berlin!

Finance and Other Support for the Trust

The Trust still receives modest membership fees and still maintains a moderately healthy bank balance, but we cannot continue as we are for many more years as our accounts will attest. A priority for the Trust going forward will be to develop a more strategic fundraising strategy.

Again we have to thank the University of Liverpool for their continuing support in providing office space for the Trust which is a very valuable asset to us.



Support and Engagement

Executive Committee members continue to engage with an increasing fora such as:-

1. Merseyside Local Access Forum
2. Trans Pennine Trail Steering Group
3. Association of Liverpool Allotments
4. Merseyside Waste Recycling and
5. Merseyside Civic Society
6. The Duncan Society
7. Mersey Estuary Forum
8. Transition Towns Liverpool
9. Friends of the Earth Liverpool
10. Liverpool Centre for Innovation in
11. Friends of Princes Park
12. Friends of Otterspool Park
13. Merseyside European Movement
14. Friends of Liverpool Parks
15. 2030hub
16. Mersey Forest
17. University of Liverpool
18. North West Environment Link
19. Liverpool Chamber Energy &
20. Nature Connected (Board)
21. Faiths 4 Change (Board)
22. Local Access Forum
23. Liverpool Cycle Forum
24. Cyclists Touring Club
25. Friends of Renshaw Street
26. Friends of Hamilton Square Conservation Forum

Communications

Item	2014	2015	2016	2017
Website (www.mat-nel.org.uk)				
Page Views per Week	100	1000	1400	1500
Individual Viewers	60	350	400	750
Twitter				
Followers	147	188	292	395
Tweets	131	294	1210	2091
Facebook				
Page Likes				85
Linked In Group	107	226	266	271

MetMail has not been produced this year and a new electronic version using MailChimp is being developed.

2018 - 2019 – More Change

Going forward as the environmental agenda changes we need to engage with more people Liverpool City Region wide especially young people and communities. Our web presence will continue to be developed and expanded to increase our reach and engagement.

We need to bolster our finances and engage with the private sector more.

To this end the Executive and myself are looking to recruit new members to the Executive Committee to bring new ideas and initiatives to the activities of the Trust.

2018 - 2019 is looking to be interesting, tough and certainly a challenging time year for us!

Stephen Sykes
Chair

9th December 2018

**Merseyside Environmental Trust
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 5 April 2018**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Sales	257	288
Cost of sales	2,500	-
Gross profit	<u>(2,243)</u>	<u>288</u>
Expenses		
Other business expenses	50	98
	<u>50</u>	<u>98</u>
(Loss)/profit	<u>(2,293)</u>	<u>190</u>

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Balance Sheet
as at 5 April 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Current assets			
Cash in hand	<u>7,412</u>	<u>9,705</u>	
Net current assets		7,412	9,705
Net assets		<u>7,412</u>	<u>9,705</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		9,705	9,515
Net (loss)/profit		(2,293)	190
		<u>7,412</u>	<u>9,705</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 5 April 2018

1 Accounting basis

The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables profits to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and that provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

2 Profit and loss account analysis

	2018	2017
	£	£
Sales		
Membership	93	288
Donation	164	-
	<u>257</u>	<u>288</u>
Cost of sales		
Environmental grants paid out	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Other business expenses		
Sundry expenses	<u>50</u>	<u>98</u>