

**Emmaus Cambridge  
Annual General Meeting  
05 July 2022  
1800-1830**

**1. Present:**

Diane Docherty (DD), Graham Wainwright (GW), Matthew Last (ML), Tumi Hawkins (TH), Judith Rippeth (JR), Anna McArthur (AM), Carol Henry (CH), Steve Clutterham (SC), Debbie Jones (DJ), Tara Constable (TC), John Humpston (JH), Andrew Cornish (AC), Judith Rungay (JG), John Dawson (JD), Katie Davey (KD), John Baker (JB), Gabriele Chinnici (GC), Wendy Martin (WM), Ian Docherty (ID), Georgina Docherty (GD), Brad Aldus (BA), Michael Barnett-Brecht (MBB), Jason Allen (JA), John Murphy (JM), Louisa Matheson (LM), Catriona Nicol (CN), Ian Hutson (IH), Joanne May (JMa), Jonathan Cook (JC), Patience Tilbury (PT), Chris Dougherty (CD)

**2. Apologies:**

Julie Fletcher, Annie Davis

**3. Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting:**

The minutes were distributed with the papers for this Annual General Meeting, JH asked for amendments, objections, and questions. None were presented, AC proposed approval and JH seconded the motion. The minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were approved.

**4. Chairs Update - Matthew Last:**

ML referred to the Chairs Update in the Annual Review paper distributed to all before the AGM. Overall, it has been a good year, we started to trade again after lockdown, there are no serious worries, it is a complex, well balanced and functional business, this reflects who we are as a community. ML thanked DD, the staff team, and companions for their efforts. ML continued by stating that Emmaus Cambridge is a great place to come, it has a varied offer, lots of quality and a good shop space. 6 pods have been donated to us by the Hill Foundation, these are self-contained living spaces. A new car park is being constructed to replace the space lost to the pods. There are 8 hives onsite, producing 100 pounds of honey.

**5. Appointment of New Chair and thank you to outgoing chair:**

ML announced that he is standing down as Chair of the Trustees, having completed 9 years, 4 as Chair. ML thanked DD, Companions, Staff, Volunteers and the other Trustees for their hard work and support during this time. ML then handed over to JH.

JH stated it was humbling to become Chair designate, a real privilege. Emmaus Cambridge is a great community; ML has been a distinguished Chair. Managing well during a period of change. We can see it all happening and have a good sense of the levels of engagement. It is not all about one person it is about the community. It will be a challenge. JH requested openness from all, if you have a point of discussion just tell me, whatever it is good or bad.

DD added a personal thank you to ML and presented flowers to MLs wife, and a stained-glass design to ML.

Before departing ML said thank you and added the stained glass will be treasured.

## **6. Treasurer's Report:**

LM summarised, to the year-end October 2021 we have been remarkably successful. Income was only slightly less than the previous year. We recovered the loss, controlled costs and have invested into the site. The Donation Hub and lift we be added to making transportation of goods to the Mezz easier. The business is doing well, the cafe, eBay, Market and Solidarity sales. A prudent budget has been set, we are mindful of the increase in costs, especially utilities but these are exciting times also and I look forward to reporting for next year.

## **7. Community Update:**

DD started by thanking everyone and is looking forward to working with John Humpston. As we come out of COVID, there have been and are some big challenges. The 30th Anniversary was a highlight. We still managed to do lots of solidarity, Companions bring things to us all the time. 16 new tyres were courier to Emmaus Suffolk when their tyres were slashed. All through lockdown effort were made by Reboot working with the Red Hen Project to provide IT equipment to those children without. The Market, eBay all worked hard, the cafe goes from strength to strength getting good press for Vegan and Vegetarian offer as well as being dog friendly. Looking back the new buildings are nearly finished, and we are looking forward to the Donations Hub, pods, lift, and shop space being ready. Work is hard but rewarding. There have been some losses too, Tom Smith and John McGovern's dog passed away. DD thanked companions, staff, trustees, and volunteers.

## **8. Questions:**

MBB asked about having a display for the Solidarity efforts made in the entrance for the customers who support us. Showing what we do, offsite and unseen, showing that their support helps elsewhere too.

JH thanked DD and said Well done to all.

9. To Appoint or re-appoint trustees for whom notice has been given:

Proposals for reappointment of trustees after a 3-year term were:

a) Will Erby at the end of his first term. JD nominated and Helena Renfrew-Knight seconded the reappointment. Will Erby was reappointed.

b) Louisa Matheson at the end of her first term. JMu nominated and Catriona Nicol seconded the reappointment. Louisa Matheson was reappointed.

c) John Dawson at the end of his second term. JMa nominated and Helena Renfrew-Knight seconded the reappointment. John Dawson was reappointed.

## **10. Elections of Trustees under the compulsory vacancy rule:**

There are no Trustees subject to the compulsory vacancy rule.

## **11. Appointment of Trustees co-opted during the year:**

d) John Humpston, nominated by JD, seconded by AC.

e) Annie Davis, nominated by LM, seconded by AC.

f) Catriona Nicol, nominated by JMu, seconded by HRK.

g) Tumi Hawkins, nominated by AC, seconded by LM.

12. Resignations in year:

h) Peter Summerfield.

i) Judith Rippeth

13. Thank you to Lakin Rose:

LM gave a big thank you to Lakin Rose.

With a heavy heart but with good governance in mind say goodbye to Chris Dougherty and the audit team from Lakin Rose.

CD said the time as auditors has flown by, it has been amazing to see the transformation and thanked Emmaus Cambridge for the opportunity.

#### **14. Introduction and adoption of the new auditors for next year.**

A tender process was carried out for new auditors and PEM scored best. JH asked for a vote for the official record. A unanimous vote to elect PEM was returned.

PEM will be the auditors for the forthcoming FY.

#### **15. AOB and any questions:**

IH asked about the CBILS loan. LM explained that a loan of £150,000 was taken out during COVID, we have repaid £100,000 and have kept £50,000 to cover any building costs not covered by income. The £50,000 will be paid off gradually. DD reiterated that it was to cover Cap Ex work and asked IH if that answered his question, IH confirmed it did.

JH closed the meeting and thanked everyone for today, this evening and the marvellous enterprise that is Emmaus Cambridge.

Tea, coffee, and cake for those that wish to stay.