

Peace through Folk AGM 10th March 2023

Those present

Malcolm Hawksworth, Pat Hawksworth, Cheri Crosley, Richard Crosley, Damian Liptrot

Agenda

1. Review and update the Aims and Objectives
2. Respond to the requests for a re-launch of the annual Folk Gatherings (ceased in 2018)
3. Study the existing options for a new Folk Gathering location.
4. Review and update the management team and responsibilities.
5. Elect new officers.

Minutes

1. Aims and objectives were reviewed and revised as attached.
2. After reviewing the outcomes of visits to various possible sites it was agreed that we will organise and deliver a 3-day Folk Gathering on Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September 2023. Location to be staged in the grounds of the Manifold Inn, Hulme End, Nr Buxton.
3. Management team and responsibilities were reviewed, and following changes unanimously agreed
Leader - Damian Liptrot, Treasurer - Richard Crosley, Operations Manager – Cheri Crosley
Creative advisor – Esther Brennan
Transition, creative advisor and founder Malcolm Hawksworth, Founder & advisor Pat Hawksworth
Founder & advisor Rick Ford, Founder and advisor Wal Davies
4. It was agreed that -
All contacts and previous participants in the Gatherings would be advised and encouraged to take part. (MH)
Budget plans prepared based on previous events (MH)
Artists to be selected (DL + MH)
Initial ticket sales material to be produced and circulated (MH & all)
Operations planning to be commenced (CC)
Richard Crosley to be added as a signatory on the Nat West Trust account as soon as possible.
Pat Hawksworth, Malcolm Hawksworth and Rick Ford to remain as signatories
Any two of the above are required on cheques
Damian Liptrot to be added if possible at some point in the near future
5. New Website www.peacethroughfolk.com
6. The Aims and Objectives will be kept under review during this year of transition.
7. Peace through Folk original website was archived on 21st Nov 2022 - kindly accommodated on Leek Peace Choir's website. [Peace through Folk archived original website](#)
8. Contact details for Peace through Folk – 1 North Street, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 8DW
peacethroughfolk@gmail.com phone or sms text 07494 738 939
Or
9. Contact details to be used for The Folk Gathering 2023
Peace Through Folk Admin Office, The Old Shop, 2 Chatsworth Road, Hunstanton, PE36 5DJ.
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Peace through Folk

- is an informal 'Not for Profit' trust established in 1997



Our motto is 'Whatever you do do, don't do nowt!'

Our aims are -

Through all forms of music and performing arts to celebrate and promote Peace, Friendship, Reconciliation, and the preservation of a kinder, sustainable Planet Earth for all by working together and recognising that we have more in common than that which divides us.

Peace through Folk - Key Objectives for 2023 onwards

1. From 2023 onward having regard to the unpredictable impact of Covid resistance, the severe worldwide financial crisis, and the impact of military actions, to operate within a positive financial framework, without the encumbrances of financial risk, debt, or dependency on external funding sources.
2. Fixed fees should be avoided in favour of zero-based profit share event budgets where possible.
3. To raise funds and maximise primary and secondary income streams to further the Aims of Peace through Folk.
4. To develop events, concerts, gatherings, and performances complementary to the above aims.
5. Organise regular 'More in Common Music' sessions.
6. Organise and promote, during 2023, larger events to be spaced at least 3 months apart and where possible to include the Leek Peace Choir as a support act.
7. To encourage the development and performance of musical traditions and all other forms of creative arts pursuant to the above aims.
8. To support like-minded, artists, associated organisations, individuals, events, and festivals.
9. To evolve, plan and deliver other related projects.
10. To maintain resources to support activists, artists, and organisations to deliver the above Aims.
11. To mark The United Nations International Peace Day around 21st September each year.
12. To encourage young event organisers to increasingly lead the delivery of these Aims and Objectives.
13. To support The Jo Cox Foundation, other 'More in Common' organisations, Moorland Climate Action, World Land Trust, Regenerative Farming, The Centre for Alternative Technology, and the Leek Peace Choir whenever possible. Also, to support organisations who work in Progressive Alliance towards the common good.

'Jo Cox- More in Common' set of three songs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Cqa-HT2i6o>

