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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13th July 2017

### Present:

**Trustees of LSA:** Kate Livingston (KL) (Chair), Tony Cartwright (TC) (Treasurer), David Haedicke (DH) (Secretary), Alison Chantrey (AC) (Membership Secretary), Soolie Burke (SB), James Callaghan (JC), Morgan Forth (MF), David Phillips (DP).

**Members of LSA:** 13 in attendance with a further 11 not in attendance but having voted electronically . Meeting was quorate per LSA Constitution.

**Apologies:** Wendy Freeman, Usha Khosla, Peter Lovelock, Hilary Roberts, Janet Rose, Hazel Shaw, Jonathan Treadwell, Suminder Virk, Georgina Waterhouse, Chris Watts, Maggie Watts, Ruth Whittington

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at East Lodge, Jephson Gardens, Willes Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 4ER. See attached Agenda as previously circulated to the Members.

### 1.0 Welcome

KL welcomed the Members and Trustees in attendance. She also noted those who had sent Apologies for not being able to attend the AGM.

### 2.0 Minutes of AGM held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016

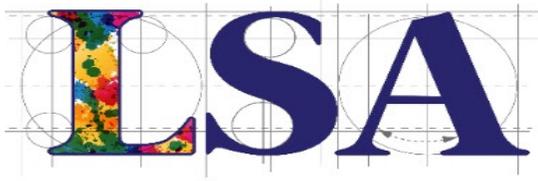
The Minutes of the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were unanimously approved by the Members in attendance after a correction offered by DP that changed the designation of LSA as co-founder of Art In The Park to founder. The draft Minutes had been made available to the Members on the LSA website.

### 3.0 Matters Arising

All matters arising in connection with the previous AGM had been addressed by the Trustees during the year. It was not deemed necessary to address these in the meeting and there were no requests to do so.

### 4.0 Chair's Report (see attached)

KL provided her report on LSA's progress and achievements over the 2016/17 year, noting successes with East Lodge, the newly-implemented ArtsFairs and exhibitions at the Loft Theatre, Art In The Park and ArtSpace. She expressed particular thanks to the Members and Trustees for their support for LSA and her position as Chair during the year.



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### 5.0 Membership Report (see attached)

AC reviewed the Membership information previously made available on the LSA website. She noted, among other things, that Membership in total had increased from 243 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to 258 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and that Facebook “likes” were up from 351 on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to 482 on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. She also noted that Membership fees in LSA’s various categories have been increased for new and renewing Members from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. There was a general discussion of the likely effect of the increase in fees, with views ranging from those thinking there would be no effect to those concerned that it would have a negative effect.

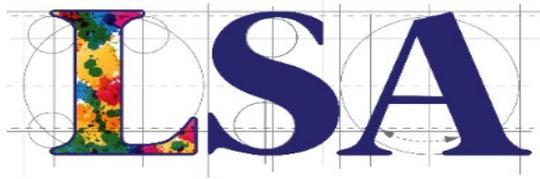
### 6.0 Treasurer’s Report and 2017 Accounts (see attached)

TC reviewed the report and accounts previously made available on the LSA website, noting that the format had changed to allow for presentation of East Lodge activity as well as that of LSA for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. He noted that East Lodge had incurred a small cash loss for the period while LSA had been slightly cash positive, the two netting to an amount very close to breakeven. He also noted that LSA’s reserves were approximately £10,000. TC then went on to point out that recasts of the results for East Lodge to back out the effect of a free rent period of six months at the beginning of the rental period in January 2016 show that East Lodge would have shown a cash deficit of £3,134 for the year in the absence of the free rent period. TC said that the Trustees had found this amount of cash loss would be unsustainable and had approved a package of changes in May 2017 that would result in East Lodge becoming cash neutral by the 2018/2019 fiscal year, and LSA continuing to be cash positive in 2017/2018. The changes will enable three issues of ArtSpace each year and growth in the number and nature of LSA events to better meet its Objectives while maintaining cash reserves of £10,000.

There was a lively discussion of TC’s report, with Members: a) asking about the possibility of reducing rent for East Lodge; b) again noting that the increase in Membership fees was nominal; and, c) noting that the increase in studio rental fees from £150 per month to £200 per month was substantial for studio renters. There was also discussion of the need to continue to make improvements at East Lodge.

### 7.0 Election of Trustees and Honorary Officers

DH noted the nominees for Trustees and Honorary Officers comprised those Trustees and Officers serving during 2016/2017 and the addition of Meurig Hughes as Trustee. TC noted that one respondent to the Survey circulated to all Members prior to the AGM had asked whether KL’s position as Chair was in conflict with her position as a Director of Slate Art Gallery (previously Deasil Art Gallery). There was discussion of this question by the Members present prior to the vote on election. There was an overall expression of regret that this question had arisen in view of the Member’s appreciation of the excellent job KL has done as Chair over the past two years and their belief that KL has no conflict of interest arising from her position as



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Chair and a Director of Slate. The Members present expressed their continuing support for KL as Chair.

DH then asked for a motion to elect the nominees for Trustees and Honorary Officers. Clive Engwell made the motion and it was seconded by several Members. All Members present voted unanimously to elect the nominees for Trustees and Honorary Officers. For those voting electronically, all but one voted in favour of the nominees for Trustees and Honorary Officers. As a result, the Honorary Officers and Trustees for 2017/18 are:

Kate Livingston, Chair  
Tony Cartwright, Treasurer  
David Haedicke, Secretary

Soolie Burke, Trustee  
James Callaghan, Trustee  
Alison Chantrey, Trustee and Membership Secretary  
Morgan Forth, Trustee  
Meurig Hughes, Trustee  
David Phillips, Trustee

### **8.0 Other business**

Carole Sleight provided an update on Art In The Park 2017, noting all the hard work that is going into the event and voicing appreciation of LSA's contributions and marquee at the event. She was pleased that AITP is raising the awareness of the arts in Leamington Spa and the surrounding communities.

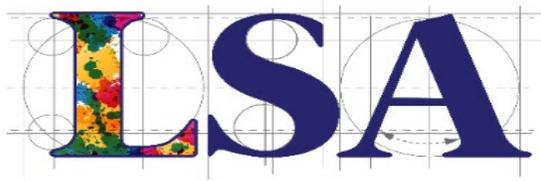
Clive Engwell introduced a vote of appreciation for AC's work on the monthly newsletter which was enthusiastically endorsed by the Members present.

Meurig Hughes introduced a vote of appreciation for Karen Parker's work on the East Lodge blog, and this was again enthusiastically endorsed by the Members present.

Karen Parker and Meurig Hughes noted the need for better computing capabilities at East Lodge to support the weekly blog and other tasks. The Trustees agreed to take this subject up at their next meeting.

### **9.0 Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8 pm.



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