



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 8:00pm

Held in The Watercress Suite, CryerArts, 39 High Street, Carshalton SM5 3BB

Minutes

Welcome by The Chair

Apologies for absence: received from Councillor Steve Penneck, Samia Tossio, Heather Honour, The Worshipful Mayor Trish Fivey

Those present representing ANS were: Tom Franck, Gemma Baxter, Chris Ellis, Rebecca Olajide (online), Councillor Steve Cook (online), Doug Shaw (online)

(See Appendix for list of Attendees)

Minutes of the previous ANS AGM were approved.

Tom Franck gave a report on activities in the last 12 months (this will be uploaded to the ANS website).

Notice to amend the ANS Constitution was received 21 days prior to the AGM. The redrafted Constitution was discussed before the changes were put to the vote. Changes were approved unanimously by all voting Members in the room and online. The changes will now be submitted to The Charity Commission for registration.

Chris Ellis, The Treasurer of ANS provided a report, and the appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2021/22 was unanimously agreed by all voting Members in the room and online.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee for 2021/22

Tom Franck was unanimously elected as Chair of ANS
Gemma Baxter was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of ANS
Chris Ellis was unanimously elected as Treasurer for ANS

Sarah Orru and Rebecca Olajide have both agreed to continue as co-opted members of the Executive Committee

Tom Franck gave a statement about future activities for the network.

Gemma Baxter gave a statement about the committee's desire to make the ANS grant programme even more accessible, with the hope of encouraging more new applicants to seek funding. Gemma invited members to share their stories / thoughts / experiences.

Any Other Business

Neal Vaughan representing Carshalton Artists requested that ANS do all it can to ensure open dialogue among local artists and ANS and the London Borough of Sutton as the Sutton STEAM's Ahead project starts to take shape. ANS, having been recently appointed to the Culture and Science Advisory Board on the project, will request that dialogue between all parties is open and transparent (with the possible exception of any information which could be deemed commercially sensitive).

There was a specific request for transparency about what grants are available to local artists and arts orgs as part of Sutton Steams Ahead. Concern is that if those who supported the initial bid are not now included going forward, this may create bad feeling and resentment.

Pia Jaime spoke about the need to further educate residents in the Borough as to the value of the arts, the processes behind funding for the arts, as well as advocating for local artists. Pia also suggested ANS commission some of its members to create information campaigns about funding / grants.

Rodger Molyneux representing CryerArts suggested that we share more information about the economics of our art, to help further that education and understanding. Rodger suggested as an example we might write up 'the economics of staging a panto' and leave this on theatre seats at performance times.

Neal Vaughan representing Carshalton Artists suggested that ANS should start a Facebook Group to supplement the existing Facebook Page. Groups are easier for others to interact with – and good use of this should improve our reach and help increase awareness. Neal also suggested we consider 'artist takeovers' where groups and individuals run the social media account for a period to highlight specific areas of the arts and culture scene, etc

Manny Gaskin spoke about the importance of an arts archive.

Rashi Barsaiyan enquired about how ANS can help her promote her art works.

APPENDIX

IN PERSON			
First Name	Surname	ARRIVED?	Membership status. Are you:
Barbara	Binns	y	Group Member
Carole	Baker	y	Individual Member
Christopher	Ellis	Y	Not currently a Member or Friend
Donna	Foster	y	Not currently a Member or Friend
Elizabeth	Andrews	y	Individual Member
Gemma	Baxter	y	Individual Member
Graham	Macaulay	y	Commercial Member
Immanuel	Gaskin	y	Individual Member
Mahmut	Yildirim	y	Individual Member
Neal	Vaughan	y	Group Member
Pia	Jaime	y	Individual Member
Rashi	Barsaiyan	y	Friend
Richard	Moore	y	Not currently a Member or Friend
Rodger	Molyneux	Y	Commercial Member
Diane	Masters	Y	Group Member
Billie	Smith	Y	Group Member
Tom	Franck	Y	Individual Member
ONLINE			
First Name	Surname	Logged On?	Membership status. Are you:
Doug	Shaw	Y	Individual Member
Rebecca	Olajide	Y	Individual Member
Steve	Cook	Y	Council
NO SHOW			
Caroline	Wigmore	N	Individual Member
Heather	Honour	N	Group Member
Jeff	Richards	N	Group Member
Kevin	Ireland	N	Individual Member
Peter	Struik	N	Group Member
Tracey	Downing	N	Individual Member
Graham	Reed	N	Group member
David	Tribe	N	Individual Member