



The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

Bristol Area Quakers Trustees

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Clerks of Local Meetings

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Dear Friends

INCORPORATION OF BRISTOL AREA MEETING

Area Meeting on 25 March agreed to the proposal from Trustees that the process of changing the status of Bristol Area Meeting from being an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation should begin. The reasons for this change are set out in an article in the February Bristol Quaker News. The hope is to establish the CIO on 1 January 2018.

Area Meeting at its May meeting will be invited to approve the constitution of the new body to meet the requirements of being incorporated and the privilege of limited liability that it brings. That should allow time for Friends and Local Meetings to satisfy themselves that this rather lengthy legal document meets our needs.

This is not a formal consultation but an opportunity for those who wish to scrutinise the document to do so. The draft is based on the appropriate Charity Commission template, adapted to Quaker needs by Britain YM's Stewardship Committee in consultation with the Charity Commission. It has been scrutinised by your Trustees. We are satisfied that it makes no change of substance from our present governing document which has been the basis of the Area Meeting's work since we were registered as a charity, and will have no practical effect on the relationship between AM, Local Meetings and the Trustees which are currently the subject of a separate review.

To enable Friends to look at this document constructively I attach the existing governing document which it replaces. I also attach the area meeting minute and the newsletter article.

Please address any queries or requests for clarification to me (contact details above and below). If your meeting reaches any conclusions please communicate them to the Clerks of Area Meeting in advance of the meeting on 21 May. It would be helpful to Trustees to hear from you by our meeting on 12 May.

Thank you

In Friendship

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