

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Visual Images Group held at 7pm on 9th October 2024 at Queen's Park Arts Centre, Aylesbury

Present:

Sam Burke (Chair)
Zoe Albright
Paola Aldus
Mia Babb
Gaynor Barton
Sarah Cripps
Brian Eldridge
Kathryn Flegg
Ken Flegg
Julian Gardner
Pete Hawkes
Adrian Hobbs
Tiws Johnson
Heather Larson
Tsedey Roscoe
Gareth Roscoe
Jan Ruddock
Cathy Timbrell
Susie Upstone

Apologies:

Alison Berthelson
Katy Blunt
Lindsey Graham
Liz Grammenos
Elspeth Hector
Jackie Henderson
Jay Nolan-Latchford
Jenny Thompson
Liz Waumsley

1. The Chair **welcomed everyone** and thanked them for coming to the meeting.
2. The **minutes of the 2023 AGM** were **approved**.
3. The Chair presented a **review of the 2023-24 year**, including the Bucks Art Weeks event, member and visitor survey findings, the committee team, PR and marketing, social media, the directory and website, the Stowe exhibition, finances and membership numbers. All priorities discussed at the 2023 AGM had been completed or were in progress. Slides of her presentation are available online.

The meeting **approved** the report.

4. Heather Larson, Committee Member, presented the proposed **updated constitution**. The document had not been revised since 1991 and during that time both Visual Images Group and corporate governance had evolved. The new constitution reflected these changes. The constitution is available online.

The meeting voted to adopt the new constitution.

The Chair thanked Heather for all her hard work and sage advice over several years on the Committee.

5. The Chair presented the Committee's **proposed plans for the 2024-25 year**, including the 40th anniversary of Bucks Art Weeks, PR/marketing, exhibitions, expanding membership, the website, new and vacant Committee roles, trialling non-selling groups and reviewing terms and conditions. Slides of her presentation are available online.

The meeting **approved** the proposed plan.

6. The Committee stood down. The following **Committee Members** were then **elected**:

Sam Burke, Chair (Officer)
Paola Aldus, Coordinator
Pete Hawkes, Directory and Website Editor
Sarah Cripps, PR and Marketing Coordinator
Mia Babb, Exhibitions Lead
Jay Nolan-Latchford, Young/wider Membership Lead

In addition, the following Committee roles would be recruited for:

Vice-Chair (Officer)
Treasurer (Officer)
Secretary (Officer)
Relationship Officer

Keith Dale had recently stepped down from the role of Treasurer. His work on the Committee was much appreciated.

7. The Chair outlined the **key risks and opportunities** for the organisation. Slides of her presentation are available online.
8. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.