

Lewes Quakers - Working Meeting Sunday, 3 May 2020 at 14.30

1. Project Group

We thank the Project Group for their two reports on the Meeting House Development plans. These are attached to the minutes.

Minute 16.20 of our MfWfCA on 1 March included:

We agree to move forward on the restoration work, disabled access and sustainability of the Meeting House. In order to gain clarity we hope the architect will be able to meet with us so that we can get a full understanding of the degree of flexibility that we have. We agree to start fund raising. We thank all those who continue to work as they have done for many years already.

The Meeting as a whole has not been able to meet with the architect (Jo Saady of Ecotecture Ltd) during the lockdown imposed by the Government to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and we do not yet see when the restrictions will be lifted.

Nevertheless the Project Group and the Hub recognise that the Meeting wished to move forward on the repair, restoration and development of the Meeting House. At their meeting on 24 April, the Hub agreed that the Project Group should go ahead with their proposal to commission Ecotecture to draw up plans for a single storey extension. The Project Group has done this.

At the same Hub Meeting the Fundraising Group reported that they will seek a further grant of £5,000 from the Sawell Family Trust towards the architect's fees.

We endorse the action taken by the Project Group and look forward to seeing the new plans as soon as possible.

2. Closing Minute

17 Friends attended this meeting. We hope to meet again on 7 June 2020.



John Thurley
Clerk

Clerk's Note: *Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and Government restrictions on meetings we did not hold a Meeting for Worship for Church Affairs in May. This working meeting was held on line using Zoom. Decisions made will be reviewed by MfWfCA as soon as it is sensible to meet again.*