

When the trustees of Green Olive Trust UK met on Wednesday we agreed the following minute:

2020/22 QPSW grant application

Lewes Quaker Meeting has, since our inauguration in 2014, been very supportive of the activities of Green Olive Trust. The charity became a Quaker Recognised Body last year. We will now ask that Lewes Local Meeting write a formal minute regarding its general support for Green Olive Trust for the purposes of our grant application to Quaker Peace and Social Witness. Grants from QPSW are given annually for projects lasting up to three years.

The application we are making is on behalf of Green Olive Foundation Kenya to fund an “agri-business”. Local farmers will build greenhouses from locally sourced materials and will be trained to use them effectively. Greenhouses provide protection for the crops from heavy rains, worsening with climate change, which damage crops cultivated in open ground. Food crops would be sold locally for the first years of the project and it is anticipated that the skills and knowledge gained can in time lead to cultivation of higher-profit crops.

We ask Bronwyn, Tessa and Bob to explain more about the project to Lewes Local Meeting.

If Lewes Local Meeting were so minded, we would be pleased if the Meeting would consider formalizing its support of Green Olive Trust as a Quaker concern but this request could be made at a future date.

I hope that Lewes Meeting might consider this minute at the next Meeting for Worship for Business. Grant applications have to be submitted to QPSW by the end of June so the question of a supporting minute from the meeting is a bit time-urgent.

Yours in Friendship

Christine
(as Clerk to Green Olive Trust UK)