



Living Streets Annual General Meeting 2023

and Presentations by

Emma Griffin, Footways

&

Will Norman, London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner

Monday 27 November 2023 – 6pm – 7.45pm

Venue

Stroke Association
The Annexe Room
240 City Road
London EC1V 2PR

Please note that this will be a hybrid meeting.

Please register your attendance online via the Zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtdOmsrTMjHNdS4qee4k3AToyJfyzyBqIM>

We'd love to see as many members as possible on the 27th but there will be limited spaces available to attend the event in person. If you would like to do so please email tracey.leadwood@livingstreets.org.uk and you will be advised of seating availability.

Our Annual General Meeting is the time when Living Streets members come together to hold the Trustee Board to account, discuss the charity's work and endorse new Trustees. All are welcome to join the AGM but only members can vote.

AGM papers are attached. To view our Annual Report and Accounts please go to our website at [Governance and accounts | Living Streets](#) - These will be available from 10 November 2023.

Charles Maher Award – Walking Champion 2023

Our annual award recognises an individual, local group or organisation who has campaigned to benefit people walking in their area. Members have voted for their favourite from a shortlist of entries. The winner will be announced at the AGM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Edwards".

Stephen Edwards
CEO, Living Streets



AGENDA

Monday 27 November 2023

6.00 – 7.00pm

Introduction by the President of Living Streets

Lord Michael Bates

Presentations by:

Emma Griffin, Footways

And

Will Norman, London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner

7 pm

AGM Business ⁽¹⁾

Chair: Dame Jane Roberts

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 22 March 2022 and matters arising**
- 2. Movement of the Adoption of the Annual Report** (for the financial year ended) 31 March 2023 by the **Chair of Trustees, Jane Roberts** and questions from the floor.
- 3. Movement of the Adoption of the Annual Accounts** (for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 by the **Treasurer, Mollie Bickerstaff** and questions from the floor.
- 4. Elections**

Prospective trustees are nominated by the Board and elected by members of the organization at the AGM.

Pursuant to section 9.1 of the Memorandum of Association of Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association), the following co opted candidate wishes to stand for election as a Trustee for a three year term.



Amit Patel

The following trustees wish to stand for re-election for a further term of three years:

Shruti Jain
Sarah Price
Ros Richards

The following director is due to retire at this AGM.

Jo Field

We would like to thank Jo for her significant contribution to Living Streets during the last six year term.

5. Charles Maher Award

6. Any other business

7. Questions ⁽²⁾

AGM Close

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Only Members of Living Streets are entitled to vote at the AGM

⁽²⁾ Advance questions must be received by 20 November 2023 to tracey.leadwood@livingstreets.org.uk or by phone on 0203 832 9134



Minutes of Living Streets Annual General Meeting Tuesday 22 March 2022 – 4pm

Hybrid meeting (online, live streamed from Arup's office, London)

Attending (ex officio)

Susan Claris (SC), Vice President
 Dame Jane Roberts (JR), Chair of Trustees
 Mollie Bickerstaff (MB) Treasurer

Introduction

Chair of the Trustee Board, Dame Jane Roberts (JR) introduced herself. She referred to the hybrid nature of the meeting and how, despite a few technical issues, the event had good accessibility. She thanked the signers working at the event.

Lord Bates, the very actively engaged President of LS, had had to send his apologies. Vice President, Susan Claris (SC) chaired the AGM instead.

It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

SC asked for approval of the agenda and for members to voice any objections. There were none.

The agenda was APPROVED.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 18 March 2021

Accuracy

SC asked the members for approval of the AGM Minutes as a true and correct record.

The minutes were APPROVED unanimously

Matters Arising from Minutes

None

2. Movement of the Adoption of the Annual Report 2021

JR summarised the report of the year from September 2020 to the end of September 2021. She acknowledged it had been a tough year generally but



towards the end of the year the charity was in good shape. There was cautious optimism for the near future, acknowledging continuing challenges with Covid and public finances. There were nevertheless major opportunities for walking in terms not only for transport, but the environment, health and well-being. The creation of Active Travel England and progress in Scotland and Wales was positive.

There were however many competing priorities for local authorities. Referring to Dr Amit Patel's talk given earlier that day, there were continuing challenges for disabled groups and higher rates of pedestrian road accidents involving black and other minority groups.

JR highlighted Living Streets' impact e.g with 2.6 million new walking trips generated. Referred to Cop 26 and our participation, JR thanked groups and members for their work. She noted the increase in the number of members. Two new trustees had been recruited in the summer 2021 and one other since, with a keen eye to diversity but it was acknowledged that further progress was necessary.

JR MOVED the Annual Report

MB - SECONDED

The report was PASSED unanimously,

3. Movement on the Adoption of the Annual Accounts

The Treasurer, Mollie Bickerstaff (MB) introduced herself.

MB reported that the Charity received a clean opinion from its external auditors MHA and that the Board of Trustees believe the Charity is well resourced and financially sound in the short to medium term. She confirmed the Board and executive management continue to take a prudent and conservative attitude to managing risk. Looking ahead, the longer term is uncertain. The Charity's financial performance will continue to be monitored by the Board and its executive management team.

There were no questions to the Treasurer.

MB MOVED the adoption of the Annual Accounts

JR - SECONDED

The Annual accounts were APPROVED unanimously

4. Re-appointment of Auditors.

The Treasurer advised that we had appointed MHA last year at a fee of £11,500.



The next year's fee would be £11,750.

MB PROPOSED the re-appointment of MHA Auditors at the agreed fee

SC - SECONDED

APPROVED unanimously

SC confirmed the members in the room had approved the Annual Accounts and asked members online to record their approval in the chat function.

5. Elections

JR moved the election of three new trustees, Sarah Berry and Stephen Brooks and the recently appointed Lauren Morrison.

Kathryn Shaw - SECONDED

Members were asked to vote their approval with the buttons on the screen: 94% approval, 5% abstained

SC moved the re-election of the Chair, Jane Roberts and trustee, Chris Martin (also Vice-Chair)

Stephen Edwards - SECONDED

The results on screen were: 96% approved, 3 abstained.

JR thanked trustees stepping down at the end of their term at the AGM - Susan Claris, Will Tyler-Greig, Fiona Walker, Alex Veitch and Barbara Walshe. Mohammed Mohsanali, a former trustee had stepped down due to ill health in August 2021.

AOB

Advance Questions

Susannah Clement from Somerset referred to those who want or need to get from place to place on foot, even by bicycle, between small towns and villages, are treated as "not supposed" to be on the roads. Narrow, ancient roads through towns, villages and open country are occupied by immense, fast-moving freight vehicles, wider than "their" side of the road, effectively excluding vulnerable, slower road-users - and this status quo is unquestioningly accepted, even promoted, by local and national authorities. That means that non-drivers cannot move around the place independently.

Will Living Streets fight for safe walkability on all (non-motorway) roads, not just in cities?



JR confirmed LS did do so, acknowledging the danger in country areas on dark roads with no lighting. JR asked if Susannah had ideas to take it forward. SC referred to the "Walking For Everyone" report as a starting point. Rachel Lee from Living Streets suggested contacting a local group for advice but acknowledged that more groups in rural areas were needed.

Marie Osborn, London

Marie had recently experienced sight loss and asked that pedestrian crossings should have buttons at the start and not after cycle lane crossings as it is very dangerous.

JR referred to the work commissioned by the Department for Transport for LS to research if and how there could be safe shared space cyclists and pedestrians at bus stops.

An attendee referred to mainland Europe where in some countries there was a presumed liability of cyclists in shared spaces. SE offered to discuss further.

There being no further business SC thanked the members and declared the meeting closed at 17.04.



LIVING STREETS AGM - Monday 27 November 2023

TRUSTEE – Amit Patel

Dr Amit Patel is a best-selling author, diversity, equity and inclusion consultant, motivational speaker, disability rights campaigner and charity Trustee. He is registered severely sight impaired (blind) having lost his sight overnight in 2013.

Amit studied medicine at Cambridge University and qualified as a doctor, specialising in emergency medicine. During medical school, Amit was diagnosed with keratoconus, a condition which changes the shape of your corneas, but which is usually easily treated with a corneal transplant. However, Amit was one of the rare individuals for whom the transplants rejected and despite travelling to the US for ground-breaking surgery, Amit lost his sight completely.

Since then, Amit has been on a journey to learn to live with his sight loss, from learning how to make a cup of tea again to walking using a white cane. After getting to grips with the basics himself, Amit set out to help others who were new to sight loss through volunteering. Today, Amit remains an active campaigner for accessibility, diversity and inclusion, speaking out against the issues that disabled people face daily.



Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association) AGM Proxy Form

Please complete the following form in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Note 1

Please give your full name.

I (**Note 1**)

Note 2

Please give your home address.

of (**Note 2**)

Postcode

Note 3

Please insert the full name of the person whom you choose to vote on your behalf. S/he must be 18 or over and a member of Living Streets.

being a member of Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association), and having subscribed to the Memorandum & Articles of Association, hereby appoint (**Note 3**)

of (**Note 4**)

Postcode

(or failing her/him, they, the Chair of the Meeting) as my proxy to vote on my behalf as indicated overleaf, (or as she/he/they think fit, or abstain from voting), at the Annual General Meeting of Living Streets (The Pedestrians Association) to be held on the **Monday 27 November 2023**. (**Note 5**)

Signed _____

This _____ Day of _____ 2023

Note 6

Please see over for voting on specific resolutions.

If you wish the Chair to vote on your behalf, please return this form by email to tracey.leadwood@livingstreets.org.uk or by post to Living Streets, 4th floor, 133 Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QA
by 20 November 2023

Resolutions (Note 6)

(Ordinary unless specified)

		FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
1.	Adoption of the Annual Report (year 31st March 2023)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Adoption of the Annual Accounts (year 31 st March 2023)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	The following candidate wishes to stand for election as a director for a period of three years.			
	Dr. Amit Patel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The previously elected Directors have indicated their willingness to remain in post and require re-election for a further 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Shruti Jain			
	Sarah Price			
	Ros Richards			