

Feasta Trustees' June meeting 10/6/2109

Present: Graham Barnes, Morag Friel Mark Garavan Mike Sandler, John Sharry (Chair and mins) and Caroline Whyte (mins for end of meeting)

Apologies: Michele Brady and Willi Kiefel

- 1) Minutes of May's meeting were reviewed. Content was approved. Caroline to email some amendments to phrasing and minutes to be recirculated by Morag
- 2) Financial report was reviewed and approved.
- 3) Caroline to liaise with Michele re getting previous minutes signed for archiving. Electronic signatures may suffice
- 4) New Board members. Have received two applications so far. Andrea from Meath and Brent from US (as recommended by Mike). Agreed process.
 - Graham to informally contact Andrea
 - John to informally contact Brent
 - Morag to advertise on Boardmatch
 - Review all applications at next meeting
- 5) Caroline to circulate draft of Feasta climate group submissions on carbon tax for the Irish Department of Finance and for the advisors to the German government. Looking for feedback from members 28th June deadline
- 6) Caroline updated us on podcast series - more comprehensive 'mid-term' report at next month's trustee meeting.
- 7) Draft volunteer policy circulated to be discussed at next month's trustee meeting
- 8) Discussed Graham's report on Community Banking consultation. Suggestion to reformat as blog on Feasta website
- 9) Biodiversity fund support for Food for thought. Suggestion to remember this as source of funds for next year (March application for May week, €400-600 max)
- 10) Rossbeigh Feasta event going ahead for 17th August – still a few places left!
- 11) Caroline gave a report on the Lush “Spring Prize” workshops in rural Surrey and London which she attended in May 2019 as a representative of Feasta, for four days. There were wide range of participants from many different countries, with a good age and gender balance, including people from indigenous groups in Ecuador and Bolivia and permaculturalists from Zimbabwe and Swaziland. While the workshops were largely oriented towards supporting regenerative initiatives on a local level, there was also an open-space discussion session (initiated by Caroline) on structural-level systemic change and this was well attended, with about 40 participants and a wide range of topics covered. Caroline will write up what she learnt from it into a blog article for the Feasta site.

The Spring Prize will not be awarded next year as the organisers are taking a year off to reflect on the direction they wish it to take. Caroline has sent the organisers feedback suggesting that they devote more energy (and funding) to systemic-level reforms.

Signed: _____

Chair

Date :

Signed: _____

Company Secretary

Date :