

Central England Area Quaker Meeting

Brief introduction to the Area Meeting and its Trustees

An Area Meeting is a regional grouping of Local Quaker Meetings and Central England is one of 70 in the UK. Each is run autonomously but they all have links to Britain Yearly Meeting. Find out more on their website: quaker.org.uk

The Area Meeting meets in session 8 times a year and anyone who is a member of the Area Meeting can attend and take part in the business decision making. Copies of Area Meeting minutes are on the Central England website. Their business includes membership records, pastoral oversight and the right holding of Quaker worship. Each Local Meeting and branch is responsible to the Area Meeting – they are not autonomous.

The Area Meeting is a registered charity and appoints trustees to manage the charitable aspects of the work and they report annually to the Charity Commission. The 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements is ready for approval but not yet on the Charity Commission website. A copy can be sent to applicants if requested.

The trustees are responsible for the legal and compliance aspects of the Area Meeting's management of property, finance, employment, record keeping, safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and GDPR. There is a diagram in the pack showing how these service committees support the work of trustees. There are currently 12 trustees and members of the Area Meeting are appointed to 4 of the service committees and these volunteers share the work. There is also a diagram in the application pack setting out the relationship between Area Meeting and the Trustees.

Trustees are responsible for keeping all policies up to date for employment, finance, record keeping and property. These can be found on the Central England website in a section at the bottom of the home page.

The Central England Quaker website is active and regularly updated with current news and events. There is lots of information about the various Local Meeting Houses and the projects. Please visit: centralenglandquakers.org.uk to find out more.

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