

Minutes Nether Edge LM December 17th 2017

Responsibilities of Local Meetings:

Area Meeting has asked for our annual report on how we are fulfilling our responsibilities. Elders and Overseers have considered this and report they are satisfied that we have fulfilled our responsibilities (see QFP 4.33 4th edition). We would particularly like to inform AM of the following events during 2017:

- Meeting for Worship has stillness and depth and Friends provide monthly readings from advices and queries and regular general readings. We usually have 12 or more present each Sunday. We continue to value have a short period of shared reflection after MFW and also have occasional shared lunches.
- We continue to develop our relationship with St Andrew's Church Psalter Lane. Friends attended worship at St Andrews in May and we were joined by 51 people from St Andrew's congregation and Central Quakers for MFW in October at Shirley House on the last day of Quaker week. We hope to share worship again in 2018.
- The meeting has supported an attender to attend Yearly meeting and a friend to have a retreat at Woodbrooke.
- NE Meeting hosted one Area Meeting. Two of our members facilitated a workshop on interfaith issues at another AM this year.
- Friends have engaged with various interfaith projects associated with Shirley House and St Andrews Church Psalter Lane.
- Two of our members spoke on Quakers at a meeting of for the Council of Christians and Jews.
- We continue to have contact with our Friend Matt Sammons, his wife Frox and their son Evan, in China. They all came to the UK this summer for a visit and they spent an afternoon in Sheffield with Nether Edge friends.
- Once a month we study Quaker Faith & Practice after MFW, and also have occasional evening discussions including Bible study.
- We enjoy social events as a meeting including meals and walks. We will forward this information to AM Clerks.