

Report from CoDA London & South East Region to National Service Committee 30th July 2022

After closing some years ago, the LSER re-formed in July 2020 and has been meeting quarterly online since then.

The roles of Chair, Minutes Secretary, Comms Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Rep have been filled over this time, but all except the Treasurer have now either rotated out of service after 2 years, or stepped down.

There has also been a lack of participation by GSRs (theoretically the LSER serves over 50 CoDA groups).

LSER meeting	GSRs who were also committee members	GSRs not LSER committee members	Acting GSRs voted in by groups for the day	Total GSRs	Total attendance
11 th July 2020	n/a, LSER re-forming	?	?	11	13
3 rd Oct 2020	2	4	0	6	9
9 th Jan 2021	2	5	1	8	14
10 th April 2021	4	5	1	10	12
10 th July 2021	5	2	1	8	9
9 th Oct 2021	3	3	1	7	8
15 th Jan 2022	3	1	0	4	5
9 th Apr 2022	2	1	1	4	5
9 th July 2022	2	2	0	4	6

Unless members come forward into service roles at the next meeting in November, the LSER will probably close again as a committee. If so, we may consider following the North Region's example in providing GSR/member workshops, if there is service to do so.

The Comms Secretary has sent out questions and prompts to groups on a number of occasions, pointing out the benefits and asking what they want from their Region, but there has been little response.

Despite low attendance, members have felt that discussions during the 40 minute GSR/members forum at each meeting were valuable. They have included

- *Group conscience meetings and how they are run*
- *Attracting members into service; online service roles at meetings*
- *Whatsapp*
- *Taking group inventory*
- *Collecting Tradition 7 donations online*
- *Meetings returning to face-to-face, hybrid or separate, & previous funding support for new meetings*
- *Online meeting security, Zoom bombing etc, precautions vs. Traditions*
- *Outside issues being discussed after meetings*

The GSR/members forum has probably been the most successful aspect of the re-formed LSER and it is hoped this might continue even if the committee finishes.

A balance of £7,601.55 was inherited from the previous LSER. Donations have been received from groups. The LSER donated £1000 to the NSC following the April 2022 meeting. The LSER is holding more money than it needs, but has been unable to establish a prudent reserve due to uncertainty about what costs & activities the LSER and NSC would each cover in future, the changing aspect of some events taking place online, and the general lack of service. Also, so few GSRs have attended the LSER that we don't feel any decision-making would be representative of the groups it serves. (July minutes not yet available to give current balance, but NSC Treasurer has this.)

Andy B, outgoing LSER Chair
30th July 2022