

The Labour Party

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Lewes

Constituency Labour Party

Accounting Unit

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the twelve months ended 31 December 2023

INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Accounts provides a report of the political and financial activities of Lewes CLP Accounting Unit.

Registered address:

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Name	Position
Lindsay Thomas	Registered Treasurer
Frances Hasler	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

This Statement of Accounts uses accrual accounting in line with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission. Last year's accounts were also prepared on the accrual basis.

REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Lewes CLP has been moving forwards in a number of different areas as we all emerge fully from the past period. While organising and officer resources remain very stretched progress has been made in a few areas. This has also been a year of parliamentary boundary changes with an impact of geographical coverage affecting 9 wards and associated changes in membership involving more than 100 members.

The District and Town Council elections in May 2023 saw a very significant displacement of all 18 Conservative councillors in Lewes District and an even larger 25 loss in Wealden District. The Labour Party now has 9 councillors on Lewes District Council and forms part of the leadership coalition. Lewes CLP focused on some specific targets and made progress while not expanding the number of councillors at this election but came much closer in several contests.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership, as a result of boundary changes, is settling down to a figure close to that at the start of the year. Rather more moved out than joined us.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For Lewes Constituency, the Parliamentary Boundary changes have resulted in the loss of three wards to the new East Grinstead & Uckfield CLP and the gaining of, in all, four wards from the other eastern CLPs. This has resulted in necessary membership and financial adjustment with these CLPs. A reappraisal of the ownership/treatment of the property of [REDACTED] has now been reflected in the balance sheet. A more up to date valuation will be obtained in 2024.

DECLARATION

I confirm that this Statement of Accounts is correct to the best of my knowledge and has been approved by the accounting unit's management committee.

Signature	Date	Position
[REDACTED]	17.3.2024	Registered Treasurer
[REDACTED]	17.3.2024	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

Statement of Accounts 2023

Lewes CLP

1 January to 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Note	2023	2022
Membership	1	2,892.94	2,959.02
Affiliations	2	101.00	103.00
Donations	3	1,589.00	931.37
Fundraising income	5	8,278.52	12,264.31
Transfers in	7	0.00	0.00
Property and rental income	8	14,784.33	14,730.00
Interest & Investment Income	6	90.97	25.21
Miscellaneous	10	13.79	0.00
Total receipts		27,750.55	31,012.91

PAYMENTS	Note	2023	2022
Membership subscriptions to HQ	1	0.00	0.00
Property costs	8	8,291.05	6,190.16
Office costs	11	2,889.51	2,659.48
Staff costs	9	0.00	0.00
Election campaign costs	12	5,091.58	1,655.40
Fundraising costs	5	6,362.52	7,592.97
Financing charges and taxation	13	1,959.68	2,701.88
Labour Party Transfers out	7	2,395.42	195.00
Miscellaneous inc. donations made	10	1,685.48	1,727.18
Total payments		28,675.24	22,722.06

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year to date		(924.69)	8,290.95
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 December 2023

Fixed assets	Note	2023	2022
Property value at purchase		10,000.00	0
Re valuation		210,000.00	0
Fixtures and fittings		0	0
Office equipment		0	0
Total fixed assets		220,000.00	0

Current assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	14	2,473.12	1,387.68
CLP account & In Hand	6	5,184.52	11,055.68
Premises account	6	30,897.90	29,032.16
SNAP Branch account & Cash	6	7,520.77	7,998.95
Lewes Branch account & Cash	6	3,861.91	3,696.91
Other Investments (LPHQ)	6	2,479.06	2,569.93
Total current assets		52,417.28	55,741.31
Total assets		272,417.28	55,741.31

Liabilities			
Tax 2021 & 22 plus fines	15		4,835.44
Other accruals	15	655.61	Nil
Tax 2023 (estimate)	15	1,780.49	
Total liabilities		2,436.10	4,835.44

Net assets/(liabilities)		269,981.18	50,905.87
Capital Account			
Fixed Assets*		220,000.00	
Retained Earnings		50,905.87	42,615.02
Current Year's Earnings		-924.69	8,290.85
Total Equity		269,981.18	50,905.87

Annual Statement of Accounts 2023

Lewes CLP

1 January to 31 December 2023

Notes to accounts

Note 1 - Membership

Membership	2023		2022	
	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
From Head Office	433.61	Nil	1,571.34	Nil
December 23 (accrued)	2,459.33	Nil	1,387.68	Nil
Subs sent to head office	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2,892.94	Nil	2,959.02	Nil

Note 2 - Affiliations

Organisation	2023	2022
CWU	65.00	55.00
USDAW	-	12.00
Unison	6.00	6.00
Unite	6.00	0.00
GMB	-	6.00
Cooperative Party	18.00	18.00
Fabians	6.00	6.00
Total	101.00	103.00

Note 3 - Donations Received

Cash and non-cash (notional) donations with a value of more than £500 are reported to the central Labour Party at the end of the quarter in which they are received. In turn, the central Labour Party reports some donations received by the Accounting Unit on to the Electoral Commission as follows:

- a) donations from Trade Unions and the Co-operative Party of more than £500
- b) donations of more than £1500 from the same donor (individuals, companies, unincorporated associations etc.) in a calendar year given either as a single donation or several donations of more than £500 which add up to more than £1500. A list of the donations received by the Accounting Unit which have been reported to the Electoral Commission can be viewed at:
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/party-finance/PEF-online-registers>.

Donations	2023	2022
More than £1500		
Name of donor	None	None
Sub-total	None	None
Campaign donations	250.00	50.00
SNAP branch donations	320.00	613.00
Lewes branch donations	249.00	228.37
All other donations	770.00	40.00
Total donations	1589.00	931.37

During the year the unit had donations totalling £ nil that were reportable to the Electoral Commission.

Note 4 - Branch income and expenditure

Branch	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Lewes Area	767.66	227.88	691.57	335.35
SNAP	3,765.47	3,958.48	6,543.71	3,881.05
Womens	265.00	389.63	200.00	199.60
BAME	0.00	172.56	120.40	323.20
	4,801.13	4,748.55	-45.90	

Note 5 - Fundraising

Event/Source	2023			2022		
	Income	Costs	Profit	Income	Expenditure	Profit
Battle Bonds Refund	-	44.00	-44.00	562.00	265.75	296.25
SNAP Branch fundraising	3,445.47	2,241.98	1,203.49	5,930.71	3,075.55	2,855.16
Lewes Branch fundraising	524.66	0.00	524.66	463.20	0.00	463.20
CLP Events*	4,043.39	3,900.99	142.40	4,988.00	4,227.67	760.33
Women Branch	265.00	175.55	89.45	200.00	24.00	176.00
BAME Organisation	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.40	0	120.40
Total	8,278.52	6,362.52	1,916.00	12,264.31	7,592.97	4,671.34

*£750 of income is in note 3

Note 6 - Investment Income

Bank accounts	Balance @ 31/12/23	Interest received	Balance @ 31/12/22	Net change
CLP General account	5,040.64	Nil	11,055.68	-6,015.04
CLP Premises account	30,897.90	Nil	29,032.16	1,865.74
SNAP branch account	7,503.00	Nil	7,039.68	463.32
Lewes branch account	3,842.91	Nil	3,677.91	165.00
Cash in bank sub total	47,284.45	Nil	50,805.43	-3,520.98
Other Investments	2,479.06	90.97	2,569.93	-155.93
Cash in Hand	36.77	Nil	978.27	-958.50
Total	49,800.28		54,353.63	-8,156.39

Note 7 - Labour Transfers

Transfer to/from	Purpose of transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
Labour South East Region	Affiliation Fees	Nil	97.50
Brighton Kemptown CLP	Meridian donation	Nil	1,000.00
East Grinstead CLP	Boundary change transfer	Nil	1,297.92
Total		Nil	2,395.42

Note 8 - Property Rental Income & Costs

Item	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Rental of office space	Nil		Nil	
Tenancy Rent	14,400.00		14,400.00	
Other tenant/user payments	384.33		330.00	
Utilities (EF, BT, BG & Water)		2,552.37		2,527.96
Insurance		932.28		853.58
Repairs and renewals		525.05		2,292.41
Lewes Council rates		0.00		Nil
Cleaning		498.00		254.00
Other payments (inc. Survey)		3,265.00		160.00
Certification (accrued)		420.00		Nil
Bank Charges		98.35		102.20
Total	14,784.33	8,291.05	14,730.00	6,190.15

Note 9 - Staff costs - No staff were employed in 2023

Note 10 - Miscellaneous

Item	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Annual Conferences	Nil	1,537.48	Nil	749.18
Affiliations to others	Nil	48.00	Nil	48.00
Donations out	Nil	100.00	Nil	930.00
Total	Nil	1,685.48	Nil	1,727.18

Note 11 - Office costs

Item	2023	2022
Printing (non-electoral)	796.60	149.04
Branch/Forum expenses	0.00	566.20
Telephones and internet	262.18	262.77
Info Commission	35.00	35.00
Room Hire	1,021.91	932.40
Zoom & Web licences	143.88	156.00
Equipment	539.94	548.08
Miscellaneous	90.00	9.99
Total	2,889.51	2,659.48

Note 12 - Election Campaign costs

Item	2023	2022
Design & Print	4,731.62	1,549.40
Postage & Delivery	0.00	Nil
Other inc. posters	99.96	106.00
Marked Registers	260.00	Nil
Total	5,091.58	1,655.40

Note 13 - Financing charges and tax

Bank accounts	2023	2022
Bank charges (CLP+branches)	218.50	211.80
Corporation Tax 2021 & 2022	-44.23	2,485.29
Corporation Tax 2023	1,780.49	-
Interest taxed at source	4.92	4.79
Total	1,959.68	2,701.88

Note 14 - Debtors & Prepayments

	2023	2022
Membership - see Note 1	2,459.33	1,387.68
Other Debtors	13.79	Nil
Total	2,473.12	1,387.68

Note 15 - Creditors and Accruals

	2023	2022
Tax 2021& Fines		2,412.00
Tax 2022		2,423.44
Tax 2023	1,780.49	-
Electrical Certification	420.00	
British Gas	235.61	
Total	4,895.43	4,835.44