

TRANSITION TOWN BRIXTON CIC

**Company Registration Number:
07228788 (England and Wales)**

Abbreviated (Unaudited) Accounts

Period of accounts

Start date: 01 May 2013

End date: 30 April 2014



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TRANSITION TOWN BRIXTON CIC

Company Information

for the Period Ended 30 April 2014

Directors: TPD Law
S Edwards

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TRANSITION TOWN BRIXTON CIC

Abbreviated Balance sheet

As at 30 April 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Current assets			
Stock	2	200	500
Debtors	3	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		13,320	27,906
Total current assets		13,520	28,406
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	4	5,335	20,916
Total assets less current liabilities		8,185	7,490
Total net assets		8,185	7,490
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		8,185	7,490

The notes form part of these financial statements

For the year ending 30 April 2014 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

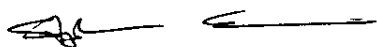
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 January 2015

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD BY



Name S Edwards

Status Director

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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts for the Period Ended 30 April 2014

1. Accounting policies

Basis of measurement and preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Turnover policy

Turnover represents amounts receivable for services and goods and grant income in relation to projects carried out in the financial year

2. Stock

Stock at the year end consists of books for resale

3. Debtors

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Total	-	-

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £	2013 £
Taxation and social security	174	-
Accruals and deferred income	5,161	20,916
Other creditors	-	-
Total	5,335	20,916

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5. Statement of movement on reserves

	2014	2013
	£	£
Assets brought in to the company on incorporation	-	-
Profit /Loss for the period	695	(1,532)
Profit and loss account carried forward	8,185	7,490

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Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in
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Transition Town Brixton CIC

Company Number

07228788

Year Ending

30/04/2014

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

Part 1 CIC 34

Please insert a general account of the CIC's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a fair and accurate description of how they have benefited the community, or section of the community, which the CIC is intended to serve]

Transition Town Brixton (TTB) CIC is part of the national Transition Town network and works to prepare the local community of Brixton, Stockwell, Herne Hill, Loughborough Junction and surrounding areas eg Streatham and Kennington for a lower energy, more resilient future in the light of climate change, demand for oil supplies peaking and economic difficulties. We do this through awareness raising, promoting behaviour change, engaging the community, local business, local authority and other public institutions in envisioning, planning - and pioneering - a better future, and reskilling for that future. In particular, we pioneer new social enterprises suitable for that future. Also, in the year 2012 – 2013, as part of facilitating the planning of a better future, we have embarked on intensive studies of the ongoing needs of the community with respect to food and energy and the opportunities that suggest themselves to meet these in ways suited to a better lower energy future. We also support the development of new forms of community working such as local currencies and trading systems. Additionally, we give help to the wider Transition movement in London and wider afield.

In the year May 2012 - April 2013 our activities have benefited the community in the following ways

- Local residents have been welcomed at our stalls at the Lambeth Country Show and other events where they have been able to obtain information and books on climate change and lower energy living TTB was represented at the Country Show by 5 stalls, TTB itself, Brixton Pound, Brixton Energy, TTB Community Draught Busters and Remakery Brixton

- In May 2012 we held an Open Day at our Transition Centre attended by up to 100 people – locals and from further afield in London Stalls and workshops were provided by TTB itself, Brixton Pound, Brixton Energy, TTB Community Draught Busters and Remakery Brixton, and sister projects like Makerhood (local makers network), Local Greens vegetable box scheme, Green SW8, Community Food Growers Network and Garden Organic's Master Gardener The day culminated in a meal and a film show about the transition ideal Transition 2 0 Attendees were able to network, exchange ideas, find out about projects they might get involved in, take out shares in, whose services they might use - or even that they might replicate in their own area

- The local population of Brixton and Loughborough Junction have been welcomed at monthly 'Shared Space' Open Evenings where locally sourced and cooked food is served and our different groups and guest groups hold meetings and offer information, discussion, workshops and training sessions This year these have ranged from draughtbusting demonstrations and energy efficiency advice to the showing of a film about alternative economy models through appliqué, knitting and cardboard furniture making to envisioning more local food growing

- The local population of Brixton and Stockwell have been welcomed to events at our Transition Centre including films about transition to a more sustainable future such as the Economics of Happiness and the Crisis of Civilisation and 'Restart' workshops to which people were invited to bring old computers for repair At these events they have been able to meet others, socialise, discuss - and obtain information and books on - climate change, lower energy living and related topics

- Visitors to our Transition Centre were able to borrow from our extensive library of books on climate change, peak oil and related topics

- TTB provided free or competitively priced meeting space and - in some cases - office space at the Centre for TTB groups, projects, and other groups and projects with similar aims

- TTB continued to work during the year to design the demonstration Permaculture garden in the park next to the Transition Centre The garden once established should be a source of pleasure and interest to all local residents and be widely visited as a demonstration site by people within and far beyond the Transition movement

- In April – May 2013 TTB ran a full 90 hour Permaculture Design Course at the Transition Centre with places available on a sliding fee scale according to income A

team was formed which is taking forward the development of the Permaculture Garden

- Over 250 Independent local businesses are now benefitting from taking up the local currency – the Brixton Pound – which we introduced in September 2009 and which is now incorporated as a company - through the increased trade by the many supporters of the Brixton Pound. All Brixton business has benefited from the associated higher profile for Brixton. An excellent website provides publicity for many of the businesses. Over 100 businesses are accepting the Brixton e-Pound which is 'pay-by-text' on your mobile phone and gives customers a 10% bonus, over 1000 users have registered to pay by text and more business-to-business trading has been encouraged. Innovations this year have included the chance for businesses to pay their council tax in Brixton Pounds and for council employees (and other businesses too) to receive part of their salary in Brixton Pounds. The Council have recognised the help to local businesses to grow and get stronger and will be working with the Brixton Pound team on a local currency project for wider Lambeth.

- Local users of the Brixton Pound have benefited from membership of the 1000 Club – the Brixton Pound supporters club – receiving news of additional businesses joining, lots of offers and popular special events – including socials, Bring and Take events, Skillshare events, 2 films and a speaker event.

- Work on the People's Pound, an exchange trading system aimed at helping people in Loughborough Junction build up non-money credits for their retirement, has proceeded with the development of a business model. The Wellbeing Alliance, which is concerned with people's ability to live well with and without money has started up and a number of workshops are being given on reducing the stress of money in some cases in conjunction with energy saving and efficiency advice. A video on Transition Livelihoods is being produced about how people implementing transition can earn a living at the same time and about how types of work will change in the future.

- Many people in Brixton, Loughborough Junction and Stockwell in particular have benefited from advice on energy efficiency and the opportunity to buy low cost draught-busting materials from the TTB Community Draughtbusters social enterprise. This has included home visits. Between May 2012 and April 2013 work included improving the energy efficiency of Brixton Recreation Centre and following dialogue with Lambeth Living and a large number of surveys, work is commencing on the energy efficiency of the Roupell Estate. Members of the community are empowered to look at any kind of wasteful energy use, become more aware and adopt more sustainable behaviour, saving carbon emissions and money.

- 181 community members have benefited from the creation of two renewable energy co-operatives. Between May 2012 and April 2013, raising over £60000 for Phase 2, 45 KW of solar panels were put on 5 more housing blocks on the Loughborough Estate. The panels started generating power in October 2012. In the height of summer the power plants generate daily electrical energy equivalent to roughly the consumption of 70 houses in the blocks below. The co-operatives' goal is wellbeing for the local community, it provides paid work experience for young people on the estates, draught-proofing workshops and home visits, make-your-own solar panel workshops together with internships within co-operative management on IT, finance

and legal issues. Finally it provides up to 3% annual share payment to investors. People were able to buy shares and receive returns in Brixton Pounds. The project is an exemplar to community energy projects around the country.

- Local people and others who have joined our mailing list have benefited from being part of a welcoming inclusive community organisation and having the opportunity to join our Working Groups. These include a Communications group, a Heart and Soul Group, a family group for parents and children, a Food Co-op for approximately 30 people who collectively buy healthy organic food in bulk, the Remakery, Brixton Pound and Brixton Energy Teams.

Our mailing list is now in excess of 1500, people on the list received bulletins about every two weeks giving information about our events and those run by related organisations and were invited to our Xmas party. The bulletin was replaced with an easier-to-produce newsletter with enhanced format in early 2013.

- Approximately 90 people belong to the 'Actives' Email group which has allowed them to be consulted about decisions the CIC has to make. In addition they can attend Directors' meeting with the opportunity to voice concerns on issues.

- Between March and May 2012 our Heart and Soul Group ran a 6-week Mindfulness Meditation course for our mailing list members and others.

Brixton residents were able to attend fortnightly Inspiring Minds Forums at a local pub. TTB participated with speakers in a couple of the most relevant evenings and publicised the initiative.

- The Family Group held several meetings, attendance varying between 10 and 15 parents and children. Attendees had the chance of various daytime events including a film show, picnicking and kids' play in local woods with the opportunity to catch up on the CIC's activities and exchange information on ways of living, working and playing sustainably.

- The Remakery Brixton – a social enterprise hub initiated by the CIC's recycling and reuse group, and planned to open in late 2013 in a redeveloped local garage block – has brought together 10 diverse local reuse businesses to form a social enterprise that is promoting a culture of reuse and resourcefulness within the local community through activities such as bike repair, computer and electrical repair, furniture refurbishment, textile reuse, art and design working with reclaimed materials. Enterprises involved have benefited from peer-to-peer support, knowledge sharing and joint promotional opportunities. Benefits to the community will include putting disused garages where anti-social activities took place to positive use. The Remakery incorporated as a Community Benefit Society in November 2012. A number of enjoyable welcoming events were held for the benefit of people from Brixton, Loughborough Junction and Stockwell in particular, these included 4 picnics and lunches featuring such things as Skillshare, Show and Tell, cookery by a local charity who use surplus food from our markets, a speaker from another inspirational co-making and co-design project. On another occasion there was the opportunity to network with representatives from the local producers website Makerhood. From October 2012 the Remakery has held weekly convivial and fun volunteers evenings where people can get involved in the redevelopment of the site, acquire new skills, learn about reuse, remaking, recycling and general sustainability and enjoy food.

together. Typically events attract 20 people. The events have been advertised through a Twitter account with a large number of followers making them highly accessible to a wide range of people. A number of local volunteers have been employed during the day in building the Remakery, Community Payback teams and groups of prisoners have also joined in the work.

Two 'Transition Tours' of Brixton highlighting the work of Brixton Energy, the Brixton Pound and local food growing projects were provided for attendees from the national Transition Town annual conference and for representatives of local government from Norway.

TTB seeks to engage with Lambeth Council so that the ideas coming from the community may have their proper influence. In early 2012 TTB took the initiative of reconvening, providing a meeting place for, and chairing, the formerly Lambeth Council-led Lambeth Sustainability Forum which had become dormant due to the economic climate. This met regularly between July and December 2012 and provided the opportunity for a number of Lambeth groups concerned with sustainability to network, consider key environmental issues in Lambeth, and in particular review from the environmental point of view Lambeth's spending of £500 million on social housing refurbishment. TTB also had meetings with the Leader of the Council and planners to input its knowledge and critique to the latest plans for the regeneration of central Brixton, ensuring that the low carbon low waste requirement of the original plans was carried forward into the updated versions. All this has raised TTB's profile and has contributed to the arousal of Council interest in the work on economic evaluation of Brixton, which we have done since as described below.

In early 2013 members of TTB in conjunction with the national Transition Network's REconomy project began work on an economic evaluation of Brixton with particular emphasis on food and energy. The stated purposes are a) to estimate the value of a future-appropriate Transition Economy and the real benefits to local people in terms of more jobs, more resilience, more community and more real economic activity b) to influence the local economic strategy and other decision-making. In March 2013 20 Lambeth decision makers attended a meeting at the Town Hall at which TTB presented the relevant statistics so far established, strong interest was aroused. The full reports should be ready by the middle of 2013. This is a major step towards energy descent in our community.

TTB CIC is an example for other transition groups across the borough. The CIC is an active part of the Lambeth Green Community Champions programme and Incredible Edible Lambeth, a network that connects over 100 community food-growing projects.

Local people and the national and international Transition movement benefit from the information and good practice we share - and provide links to - about Transition projects and events on our website and informative Twitter feed. By November 2012, our website was receiving over 1000 visits monthly (75% UK but encompassing 57 countries) with new people visiting all the time; we had 1600 Twitter followers.

Part 2 CIC 34

[Consultation with Stakeholders Please indicate who the CIC's stakeholders are, how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, the CIC has taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear

The CIC's stakeholders are

- Our mailing list members
- Working Group members
- Local people who have visited our stalls and workshops, who have joined our Food Co-op, attended our Mindfulness Meditation course, participated in the design of our Permaculture Garden
- Local people, councillors and council officers working to further the environmental sustainability agenda in this area through the Lambeth Sustainability Forum
- Local decision makers interested in food and energy security
- Those who follow us through our website, through Twitter or visit us to learn about good practice
- Customers of our Community Draughtbusters organisation
- 10 local reuse and recycling enterprises
- Local volunteers – together with people on community payback and local prisoners – who have participated in rebuilding the Remakery and its community garden and/ or attended Remakery picnics and socials
- Local people particularly in Loughborough Junction and Brixton who have attended workshops on reducing the stress of money problems and energy efficiency

Members of our 'Actives' Email group have been consulted on matters ranging from to whom and for what hours we might sublet the building we have been running, whether we should stay in that building in the short/ medium/ long term to the appearance and functioning of features on our website to the theme and location for our Open Day to the choice of films that we show

We commonly hold a short evaluation after our meetings and workshops and take this into consideration when planning future meetings

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No remuneration was received

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION

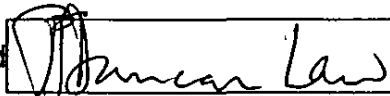
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No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made

PART 5 – SIGNATORY

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



Date

30/1/15

Office held (tick as appropriate) ☐ Director ☐ Secretary

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