

## FRIENDS OF SUBURBAN BRISTOL RAILWAYS (FOSBR)

### Treasurer's report for year ending 31 December 2016

INCOME (£)			EXPENDITURE (£)		
	2016	Compared to 2015		2016	Compared to 2015
Subscriptions, private	1,196.00	+59	Printing, copying, laminating	691.68	+91
Affiliation fees	180.00	-120	Postage	137.50	-239
Donations (sent with subs)	421.00	-47	Stationery	107.58	+60
Sale of T-shirts	0	-20	Travel expenses	182.05	+26
			Website	59.94	+10
			Stalls & Room hire	145.00	-5
			Catering/ Entertainment	35.00	-102
			Affiliation & Donations	57.00	-75
			Conference fees	45.00	+20
			Childcare	370.78	+317
			Bank charges	36.00	+36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,797.00</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,867.33</b>	<b>+139</b>

#### Summary:

Income over Expenditure for 2016: -£70.33 (compared to + £196.42 in 2015)

Balance in bank at 31 December 2015: +£933.41

Balance in bank at 31 December 2016: +£863.08

#### Comments:

- Compared to 2015, income fell by £128 and expenses rose by nearly the same amount (£139).
- In terms of membership subscriptions and donations received during 2016: subscriptions from individuals increased slightly (by £59) compared to the previous year, affiliations decreased by £120 and donations decreased by £47. One group and two individuals sent money (total £36) in advance for 2017; it had to be included in the income for 2016 and so the income for 2017 will be slightly less than it should be. As before, some groups and individual members included donations as well as their membership subscriptions. We thank all concerned for these welcome boosts to our income.
- Both our printing costs and stationery costs increased slightly this year compared to 2015. Our postage costs decreased significantly this year - mainly because we had spent a lot on building a reserve of stamps in 2015, which then carried over to 2016.
- In 2016 we subscribed to Railfuture and to the TransWilts Community Rail Partnership. Unlike for 2015, we did not give donations to any other rail groups.
- Childcare costs, to enable our Secretary to attend various key council and stakeholder meetings, were considerably increased this year. This is because there have been many more important meetings to attend which, without her incredible energy and commitment, FOSBR would not have had any input to key decisions.
- This year our bank, Unity Trust Bank, started charging bank charges of £6 per month as from July - and so we incurred 6 months' charges during 2016, a total of £36. We have the option of switching to other banks that have not yet introduced charges - but have not yet done this.
- The final end of year balance (2016) is about £70 lower than at the end of 2015. Our account balance now stands at £863.08.

**Members:**

187 private members and 10 organisations gave money to FOSBR last year (2016). 15 new members joined us last year and this helped sustain our income despite several previous members not renewing in 2016.

The organisations that supported us in 2016 were:

- ASLEF (Bristol Branch)
- Bristol Civic Society
- Bristol Cycling Campaign
- Bristol Pubs Group (CAMRA)
- Cotham Labour Party
- Friends of Bridgwater Station
- Henbury & Brentry Community Council
- Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council
- Railfuture (Sevenside Branch)
- RMT (Bristol Branch)

**Financial situation for 2016/2017:**

We have come out at the end of 2016 with a balance of +£863, which is a fairly healthy amount to start the 2017 year with. Subscriptions for 2017 will soon start to come in - to further build up our reserves.

The major known costs for the coming year will be the cost of printing and posting 3 newsletters (c.£300 per newsletter).

Thus, together with the 2017 subscriptions, there should be sufficient funds to enable us to campaign vigorously for our local rail services during the coming year. However we must be careful not to let the balance drop much further - or else we will not have the ability to respond quickly if we suddenly need money for any unplanned campaign.

**Tony Lloyd, FOSBR Treasurer**

**14 January 2017**

***The above accounts have been audited by Lionel White. He has confirmed that this is a true statement of FOSBR's finances and that the records have been correctly kept.***