

Look East Wild Earth

Annual Report 2008

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Accounts and Annual Report approved by Trustees at LEWE Annual General Meeting, 11th July 2009

Introduction

Look East Wild Earth (LEWE) is a small UK-based charity co-ordinated mainly by volunteers. We forge links between environmental initiatives in the UK, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.

Our formal objectives are:

- 1. To educate the public in the preservation and conservation of the natural environment and its sustainable development.*
- 2. The promotion for the benefit of the public of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of, or assisting in the provision of sustainable development programmes involving young people and local communities in the United Kingdom, Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.*

We fulfill these objectives by:

- Supporting environmental organisations in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- Promoting and coordinating international volunteering opportunities, youth exchanges, study visits and seminars
- Organising talks, events, campaigns and information promoting issues of global sustainable development.

LEWE is an associate member of the 'Youth and Environment Europe' network and in 2008 joined the international NGO coalition 'Taiga Rescue Network.'

'Siberian Wilds' Events and Talks

The 'Siberian Wilds' programme of talks and events continued in 2008, led by Stephanie Ward. This programme provides information, lectures and photos on the Siberian environment and related projects, to a UK audience, with the aim of raising awareness of Siberian environmental issues among the public in the UK. Talks were held at the University of St Andrews and the University of Exeter and at Pushkin House, London (February 2009). Stalls were held at the Creation in Crisis event (May 2008, London), the Shamania Festival (July 2008), and the Urban Green Festival. The stall at the Shamania Festival successfully raised £182.30 for LEWE.

British-Russian Eco-Cultural Network Newsletter

LEWE continued to support the British Russian Eco-Cultural Network (BREN) in the production of a newsletter. The spring/summer 2008 issue focused energy issues.

European Voluntary Service: Baikal Environmental Wave

In 2008, LEWE registered with the EVS programme as a sending organisation and successfully obtained a grant from the EU Youth in Action programme for member Candice Sly to undertake an EVS placement with NGO 'Baikal Environmental Wave' from January-July 2009. Candice is working on energy and climate issues and plans to make a documentary film about climate change in Siberia.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS, APRIL 2008 - MARCH 2009 'LOOK EAST WILD EARTH'

INCOME

Unrestricted Donations & Fundraising

Donations	£1,056.66
Sale of CDs and souvenirs	£15.00
Membership Fees	£165.00
Bank Account Interest	£1.10
SUBTOTAL	£1,237.76

Project-specific Grants & Donations

EVS Programme (EU Youth in Action)	£4,772.41
SUBTOTAL	£4,772.41

INCOME TOTAL **£6,010.17**

EXPENDITURE

Core Costs

Website Costs	£204.03
Companies House Annual Return Fee	£15.00
Insurance Costs	£187.18
Volunteer Travel Expenses	£90.20
Postage	£17.05
Events Coordination Costs	£56.00
Promotional Materials	£123.00
SUBTOTAL	£692.46

Project-specific expenditure

EVS Project Costs, C Sly 'Baikal Wave'	£3,741.20
SUBTOTAL	£3,741.20

EXPENDITURE TOTAL **£4,433.66**

PREPAYMENTS AND ACCRUED INCOME **-£1,031.21**
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **£545.30**

FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARDS APRIL 2008 **£166.50**
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARDS MARCH 2009 **£1,743.01**