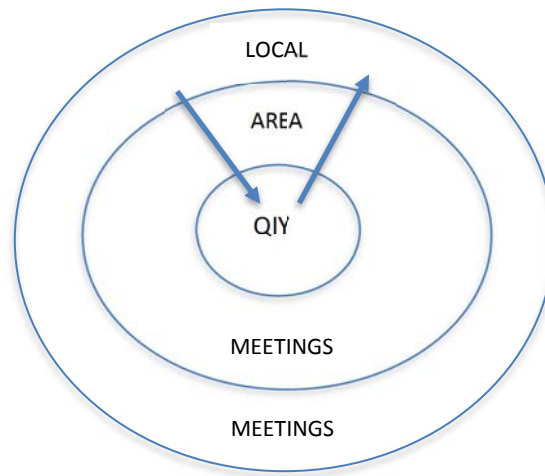


Simplifying Functions



This model would put Quakers in Yorkshire in the centre of the current area meeting/local meeting structure. It would be the registered charity with a number (12?) of trustees drawn from across Yorkshire and employing a secretariat to carry out the activities of the charity:

- Financial Accounting
- Preparation and review of policy
- Safeguarding
- Property Management
- Employment of staff
- Accountability to the Charity Commission

The following would be delegated to each local meeting:

- A budget to pay for running costs(?) and minor repairs which will be accounted for by a local treasurer using a standardised accounts package.
- Implementation of policies.
- Appointment of a local safeguarding officer who will report to safeguarding lead on trustee board.
- A local premises committee where a building exists, to monitor property conditions, implement minor repairs and report to premises lead on trustee board.
- Line management and recruitment of local staff and report to employment lead.

Question: Where does this leave Area Meetings and what would be their role?

Consultation with Local Meetings and Area Meetings

- Paper sent to all local meetings and area meetings to ask their comments by a deadline in terms of:
 - Advantages to them
 - Possible issues it may cause
 - Ways of addressing these issues

Offering one of us to visit to discuss and listen, followed by an event or events to bring people together to discuss a draft final document in Leeds, Sheffield, Doncaster or York.

A job for us – how do we make being a trustee an attractive proposition?

- Meetings in nice places but not too often
- Annual policy making day
- Provision of training and development
- Cake and biscuits at meetings!
- Opportunities to learn from other parts of the country