



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Haydock Holiday Inn on  
Thursday 28th January 2010

Committee Apologies: E Patten, D Hall, B Bailey, S Barker, K Lambert

Malcolm Beck (President) welcomed members to the AGM-14 people in attendance.

1 Minutes of the Previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were accepted as a true record.

2 Treasurer's Report

Peter Gugas (Treasurer) presented the Treasurer's report that had been circulated to those present at the meeting. The Annual Statement of Accounts indicated a Bank balance of £17,461.27. Our banking had now been moved to HSBC and we now had internet and credit card payment facilities which are protected by liaison with the other 2 signatories outside an expense allowance. The funds were in good shape. A proposal by Peter Jones seconded by Colin Webb was made to accept these accounts and was unanimously approved.

3 The President's Address

The President reported that membership had continued to grow-there were now 105 paid up members. We had had another year of quality and topical presentations. The President thanked his Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for a year of excellent support. The Forum was also appreciative of the generous sponsorship it had received from Envirolink and the Mersey Partnership.

4 Election of Officers

In line with the Agenda

- a) President – Andrew Park was proposed by Peter Jones and seconded by Colin Webb
- b) Honorary Secretary – Simon Barker has agreed to stay in office.
- c) Honorary Treasurer – Colin Webb was proposed by Peter Gugas and seconded by Peter Jones
- d) Vice President John Ogle was proposed by Peter Jones and seconded by Andrew Park
- e) David Hall, Eric Patton, Peter Jones, Adrian Bull and Mark Knowles agreed to continue for 2010 on the committee. Inger Kristiansen is the new Envirolink committee member replacing Sarah Jolly.

The whole package was approved

5 Membership/Constitution

Subscriptions will remain at £25/annum entitling members to attend all events free. The meeting attendance fee for non-members will also remain at the current level of £15.

The Constitution has been amended to reflect that the AGM is in January not December.

6 AOB

The President reported that all the 2010 meeting dates had been posted on the website and the Programme more or less determined-titles would shortly be put to the dates.

Eric Patton had prepared the new 2010 flyer.

Chris Pearson (Web Administrator) has highlighted that he plans to retire at the end of 2010.

The President thanked members for their attendance, and handed proceedings over to the next President.

Andrew Park took the opportunity to thank the outgoing President for continuing to develop the Forum to the current status with relevant content with active and growing membership. This was unanimously received as a sound gesture and a round of applause.

7 New President

The new President proposed that Past Presidents Eric Patton, Peter Jones and Malcolm Beck be made Honorary Members in recognition of their specific contributions in revitalising the Forum over recent years. This was proposed by Andrew Park and seconded by John Ogle and unanimously approved.

He thanked members for their attendance.

Minutes prepared by Malcolm Beck