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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013 AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD AT ASTON UNIVERSITY IN BIRMINGHAM.

**1. Introduction & welcome by Chair of Trustees.**

Philip Thompson, Chair of Trustees welcomed Members to the AGM.

**2. Apologies.**

Rob West.

Nigel Haigh.

Terry Jones.

Staffordshire University.

Paul Cooney.

Steve Moorcroft: Trustee/Chair of Air Quality Committee.

Neil Schofield.

Caroline Lucas MP.

Michael Meacher.

John Dinsdale.

David Muir.

Richard Mills.

**3. Present.**

Philip Thompson: Trustee/ South East Division.

Bob Jennings: Yorkshire Division.

Christopher Fry: Trustee/West Midlands Division.

Louise Siddorn: SW Division.

Peter Fryer:

Rob Enticott: Sustainable Business Solutions.

Neil Turner: Trustee/North West Division.

David Rudland: Trustee/Chair of Land Quality Committee/SW Division

John Murlis: President (Member SE Division)

Alan Bratt: Trustee, Chair of Noise Committee/SW Division.

Kristoffer Harries: GGS

Karen Thornton: Divisional Secretary/West Midlands Division.

**4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 (London).**

The Minutes of this meeting which had been circulated were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings and discussions.

Proposed by Bob Jennings and seconded by Rob Endicote and agreed by the AGM that the Minutes be accepted by the AGM as true record.

**5. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**6. Annual Report 2012-2013:**

Philip Thompson presented the Report to the AGM and thanked Christopher Fry for drafting the text. He also thanked John Murlis the President, all the Trustees, Peter Mitchell and Divisional Secretaries for helping the society to recover from the severe downturn which required making all of the staff redundant and selling the Brighton offices. He highlighted the following matters from the Annual Report:

- **Scottish Division:** The President and Trustees felt strongly that this Division should not be dissolved as the Society seeks to represent the whole of the UK; of course this decision would have to be reviewed when the results of the 2014 Scottish Independence referendum are known.
- **Subscriptions:** He was encouraged that these are on the increase and it is expected that the modest target for income from this source will be met. Trustees were exploring other potential Members and attempting to expand into the academic world. He thanked the volunteers in the Divisions for their work to retain and encourage members.
- **Financial report:** The Society's Accounts will be put to the auditors and their report will be posted on the website later this year. The details set out in paragraph 8 of the Annual Report showed a slow recovery but Trustees were reviewing the membership package to attract new members and ensure a regular income from subscriptions.
- **Website:** He thanked Neil Schofield for his work in arranging for the new website and said that it was still being populated with information and further development would include a Members' section.

**6.1 Questions/comments on the Annual Report:**

Section 5 of the Annual Report referred to the Yorkshire Division when in fact it was the North West Division which had been approaching Universities in the Manchester area.

Proposed by Neil Turner and seconded by Alan Bratt and agreed by the AGM that the Annual Report be adopted after this amendment.

**7. Re-election of John Murlis as President:** Philip Thompson gave his thanks to John for his significant and continuing contribution to the recovery of the Society

Proposed by Peter Fryer , seconded by Bob Jennings and agreed unanimously by the AGM that John Murlis be re-elected as President.

7.1 John Murlis said that he had learnt a lot and discovered that there was tremendous support for EP (UK). He felt that the current panic over energy sources and a critique of environmental investment needs to be addressed by the Society. He also felt that we all need to look forward to the year and to keep the profile high by planning events following the philosophy of spending to speculate. John said that he would enjoy the support of members.

- 8. Re-election of Vice Presidents:** PT referred to the list in the agenda papers. He said that the term of office was for 3 years and that none of the Vice-Presidents declined re-election. Neil Turner also pointed out that EP (UK) should consider new candidates as Vice-Presidents.

Proposed by John Murlis and seconded by Peter Fryer and agreed by the AGM that the - existing Vice-Presidents be re-elected.

- 9. Appointment of Hillier Hopkins LLP as Auditors:** Philip Thompson said that they have agreed to serve.

Proposed by Neil Turner, seconded by Alan Bratt and agreed by the AGM that Hillier Hopkins LLP be appointed Auditors.

- 10. Any other business.** John Murlis expressed his appreciation to the Trustees and especially to Philip Thompson on behalf of the membership and to those Trustees who are Chairs of the Policy Committees for their dedication.