



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at Cornerstone Centre, Hove  
Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**

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**Members Present:**

Keith Turner (Chair), Paul Gillett (minutes), Chris Dutton, Ruby Woolven, Jacqui Campbell, Jim Lee, Connie French, Dorothy Duboisson, Bob Thirtle, Sue Vivian,

**Volunteers Present:**

Jonathan Dutton, Valerie Mainstone, Sue Joseph, Karis Petty, Steve Evans, Jeannie Mackay

**Also Present:**

Valerie Lee, Barbara Thirtle, Lucy Joseph

**Apologies for absence:**

Carl Boardman, Diane Marks, Christina Mendez, Marion Davies, Keith Trampleasure, Eileen Odom, Shirley West, Dorothy Whatman, Patricia Parrott, Colin Bennett

**Minutes of the last AGM** dated 14.2.09 were read, agreed and signed.

**Matters arising:**

**“A” Boards** – Keith informed the meeting that progress was being made and it was hoped that the licensing laws would change to improve our access and safety on the streets.

**Key Fobs** – Paul advised the meeting that 20 more bus stops now had the facility enabling us to use key fobs to get information about location and times till next buses.

## **Chair’s Report**

The report was read by Valerie on behalf of Keith and reminded the meeting of the diverse range of activities undertaken during the year. Keith expressed thanks to committee, members and volunteers for all their “hard work to keep our unique group going”

## **Treasurer’s report**

Jonathan presented the report on behalf of Chris. He reported that we were able to carry over £1,906 and that the finances remained healthy

Thanks was noted to Brighton Morris who had made us their charity of the year and collected £320 at their day of dance.

A budget for 2010 was also presented which included amounts for new leaflets and to enable us to purchase an induction loop to help members who also had hearing impairments.

Jonathan advised the meeting that subsequent to the year end we had received confirmation of an additional funding of £2,000 from, Brighton & Hove City Council, He thanked Paul for his work in co-ordinating the bid. Paul advised that the committee was constantly on the lookout for new sources of funds and welcomed any suggestions for the future.

## **Election of Officers**

The following people were re-elected unopposed and unanimously

Chair – Keith, proposed by Paul, seconded by Connie

Secretary – Paul, Proposed by Keith, seconded by Jim

Treasurer – Chris, proposed by Paul, seconded by Keith

Other members of committee – Ruby, Jacqui, Shirley and Jim

Proposed by Keith, seconded by Connie

## **Activities**

Members reported on enjoyment of activities during the past year

Suggestions for activities included:

- Asda tour
- Police Cells
- Tower of London
- Mickleham Priory
- Herstmonceux
- Drusillas
- Bowls
- Greyhound Races
- Exhibition of specialist equipment at St Dunstan's
- Hever Castle
- English Vineyards
- Brighton Festival
- Bradbury Hotel, Worthing, short breaks/holidays
- Brighton Pier
- New Venture Theatre
- Sailability
- Chapel Royal/St Nicholas lunchtime concerts
- Talks at Friends Meeting House. Tuesdays 2.30pm

Paul also mentioned about existing plans for Tenpin Bowling, a visit to the Land Girls Exhibition, Walks, Meals and that we would be participating in the Take Part Festival of Sport and Brighton Carnival.

Chris & Jonathan introduced a discussion about the Carnival which was continued after the meeting when we had a guest visit from Heidi from the Sunchine Crew

Suggestions would be considered by the committee in forming the programme of activities, it was noted that an important factor in deciding what activities could be put on was the availability of volunteers, Karis suggested a leaflet or similar might be useful specifically to advertise for volunteers and it was agreed that this be looked into.

## **Policies**

Paul explained to the meeting that City Synergy had developed in the early days a constitution and policies that set out guidelines as to how we would be run

Valerie put forward a document covering expectations for members and sighted volunteers when out on City Synergy activities, it was explained that this sought to cover best practice and was a standard we already aimed for, but that we had found on the trip to the Isle of Wight that there was a need to clarify these expectations

A key change would be that each activity would have an event co-ordinator.

## **Any Other Business**

Sue Joseph asked about plans for activities for younger people, Keith agreed to discuss ideas with her.

## **Proposed date of next meeting**

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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