



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at Cornerstone Centre, Hove
Saturday, 12th February, 2011**

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Members Present:

Chris Dutton, Colin Bennett, Connie French, Dorothy Duboisson, Dorothy Whatman, Iris Keppler, Jacqui Campbell, Jim Lee, Keith Turner (Chair), Paul Gillett (minutes), Ruby Woolven, Shirley West,.

Volunteers Present:

Christina Mendez, Jonathan Dutton, Rosie Collins, Steve Evans, Sue Joseph, Valerie Mainstone,

Also Present:

Valerie Lee

Apologies for absence:

Jean Birch, Karis Petty, Sue Vivian

Minutes of the last AGM dated 13th February, 2010 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

“A” Boards – A number of members and volunteers expressed concern that there had been little progress in improving the situation, Colin reported that he had met with an RNIB representative and had a further visit planned for 24th February

It was suggested that we could get involved in a disability audit to review and report on how easy it was to get around the pavements of the city and that this could be discussed by the committee

Chair’s Report

The report was read by Valerie on behalf of Keith and reminded the meeting of the many activities which had taken place during the last year. Keith expressed gratitude to volunteers “without whom City Synergy could not function as it does” and also noted our success in finding sources of funding

Treasurer’s report

Jonathan presented the report on behalf of Chris. He reported that we were able to carry over £2,845 and that the finances remained healthy

During the year we received income from Brighton and Hove City Council, Sport for All. Brighton Rotary Club and Brighton Bygones (a local history group based in East Brighton), we also had a successful sponsored walk by Ray Woolven and his friend John Reason that raised further money for the group.

Jonathan advised the meeting that subsequent to the year end we had received additional funding of £1,500 from The Co-operative community Fund, He thanked Paul for organising the bid.

Election of Officers

Christina took the chair for this part of the meeting

All elections were unopposed and agreed unanimously

Chair – Keith announced that he was stepping down from the role, Paul expressed on behalf of the meeting our gratitude for all that Keith had contributed to the role over the last two years, Chris was proposed for the chair by Paul, seconded by Shirley

Treasurer – Paul was proposed by Keith, seconded by Chris

Secretary – There being no candidates for the role it was advised that the committee would make arrangements to ensure the post was covered. Paul re-assured the meeting that the tasks of organising activities and ensuring that members and volunteers were kept informed would remain as priorities.

Other members of committee – Ruby, Jacqui, Shirley and Jim
Proposed by Paul, seconded by Keith

Activities

Colin expressed appreciation for the Christmas lunch at the Saltdean Tavern which he said was extremely good value.

Members were given an opportunity to vote for a range of activities following the meeting

Policies

No new policies to report this year.

Any Other Business

Both Colin and Connie expressed appreciation for the help and commitment of all who give their time as volunteers for City Synergy

Proposed date of next meeting

Saturday, 11th February 2012

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