



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20.00 - 21.15 Tuesday 20th September 2011 Jurys Inn, Room 103, Birmingham

AGM Agenda

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 21st September 2010

2. Reports of Executive Committee and questions (see website for copy under Documents)

- i) Chair
- ii) Vice Chair (Organisation)
- iii) Vice Chair (Political)
- iv) Honorary Treasurer including accounts for 2010
- v) Membership Secretary
- vi) Executive Members

3. Election of Honorary Officers

President and up to three Vice Presidents

4. Election of Executive Committee

- i) Chair
- ii) Vice Chair (Organisation)
- iii) Vice Chair (Political)
- iv) Honorary Treasurer
- v) Membership Secretary
- vi) Executive Members

5. Membership subscription rates

- The Executive Committee aims to provide an interesting, diverse and informative Challenge magazine for members to be able to engage with lively and up-to-the-minute information regarding environmental issues.
- They recognise that in order to fund such a comprehensive, useful and stimulating magazine for members, their membership contributions need to cover the cost of production of the magazine and that currently the concessionary subscription does not.
- We propose that concessionary rates are increased. Members that are currently paying less than this will be reminded of the change when subscription renewal is approaching. This will also prevent drain on funds that could be used elsewhere.

The concessionary rates are increased to £12 to cover the cost of production of Challenge.

6. Proposed Amendments to GLD Constitution and Election Regulations

GLD Constitution (see website for copy under documents)

Paragraph 2. To update the mission of the Green Liberal Democrats as we are in Government.

“The mission of the Green Liberal Democrats shall be to **raise awareness of environmental issues among** ~~work for the election of a Social and Liberal Democrats~~ **and encourage them to embed these issues into all Liberal Democrat** ~~Government on a program which~~

~~combines social, liberal, and economic and ecological imperatives~~ **policies** in a distinctive **and** electable way.”

The following changes concern amendments referred back from the EGM in March 2011. The following amendments are made to allow for voting outside the AGM for those not able to attend.

GLD Election Regulations

Paragraph 3

Nomination forms for all posts must be circulated not less than four weeks before the date of the AGM. The deadline for the receipt of nominations shall be 15 days before the date of the AGM. The Returning Officer shall validate the nominations within **five days** ~~a week after this, and confirm this with the candidates a week before the AGM, to give them time for any appeal, before they are publicised at the AGM.~~ **They shall notify all rejected candidates within this time to allow them to appeal before any ballot forms are circulated.**

OR TO ALSO

The alternative is to do everything a week earlier with all the deadlines proposed.

Paragraph 5

- a) In the event of a contested election, copies of the personal statements of all candidates involved and ballot papers shall be circulated to members **if they are not able to attend** ~~no less than 14 days before the AGM.~~ **To vote in an election, members must, not less than 20 days before that election, notify the Membership Secretary of the address or e-mail address to which they require a ballot form to be sent. Members who have been issued with a ballot form, whether used or not, will not be eligible to receive a ballot paper at the AGM for the same election.**
- b) The votes of those whose are not fully paid up members at the start and during the election period will be invalid and will not be counted. Notwithstanding the requirement for a secret ballot, ballot forms will be identifiable to allow the Returning Officer to reject invalid votes.
- c) No less than 10 days before the AGM, in the event of a contested election:
 - i) ballot forms shall be sent to all paid up members who have registered an address for that purpose;
 - ii) a list of all candidates shall be posted on the website
 - iii) copies of the personal statements of those involved shall be included in the requested mailings detailed in i) and ii) above and on the website.
- d) It is the member's responsibility to ensure that the Membership Secretary has been given up to date postal or e-mail address if registered for pre AGM voting and to inform the Returning Officer if the ballot form does not arrive. No allowance will be made for postal, individual or local internet failures, but in the event of widespread internet problems the Returning Officer will send an email advising how this will be dealt with and will endeavour to give e-voters at least an additional 48 hours in which to vote.

Paragraph 6

Ballot papers must be returned either to the Returning Officer **to arrive** no less than ~~three~~ six days before the AGM **unless a later time is specified by the Returning Officer** ~~or~~. At the AGM **ballot papers shall be issued to qualifying members who have not been sent ballot forms.** ~~and the count shall be conducted.~~ The count shall be conducted at the AGM, **giving equal weight to paper and electronic votes.**

7. Any other business

The Executive Committee plan to go out for a meal after the AGM. If you are attending and would like to join us, please let the Chair know on green-ld@hotmail.com