

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Green Liberal Democrats – 6.15pm Sunday 17th
September 2017

Held at the Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference in Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth.

Attendees: G Neale, R Joy, S Mason, K Daws, B Powell, W Powell, S Bolter, G Miles, L Chatwin, P Burall, D Wi, P Allen, H Shibata, M Hobbs, M Foley, D Garlick, R StPierre, C Smith, J Horsley, J Brophy, K Melton, A Rodger, R Harper, V Iout, C King, P Bruce (meeting is quorate with 25members).

The meeting was chaired by Graham Neale.

1. Apologies

Martin Horwood, Lynne Featherstone, Tom Brake, Simon Oliver, Toran Shaw, Terry Angier.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM (Mar17 Southport)

These had been pre-circulated and there were no proposed corrections – the meeting passed the minutes without dissent.

3. Reports of Executive Committee and factual Questions

- a. Chair - Graham Neale introduced his report covering relationship with HQ, Exec teamworking, Electronic Challenge, keeping admin small, volunteer help
- b. Vice Chair Organisation – Peter Bruce presented his report reflecting on growth of Exec in capability, teamworking, conflict resolution, Conf activities.
- c. Vice Chair Policy – Richard Joy presented his report highlighting new website and image, strategic review and support to events/Treasurer account issues.
- d. Treasurer/Membership – Graham Neale presented these in the absence of the Treasurer Simon Oliver who also covers the membership secretary role. Simon's report covered the ongoing transfer of monies to new accounts, the new online joining process and the efforts to get data integrity on membership
- e. Matters arising: There was mentioned the need to improve diversity in GLD, the preferred means of contacting members, having LD green policy as good as the Greens and looking at Nuclear power again.

4. Election of Honorary Officers

- a. The Executive Committee recommendations for The Honorary President was Martin Horwood and the Honorary VPs Rt Hon. The Baroness Lynne Featherstone and Rt Hon Tom Brake.
The meeting supported this with no votes against.

5. Election of Executive Committee Members

a. **Executive Officer positions**

The Returning Officer checked that nominees were paid up members and these were the only persons nominated to these positions.

1. Chair - **Graham Neale**
2. Vice Chair Organisational - **Peter Bruce**
4. Treasurer - **Simon Oliver**

The election of these 3 officers was put to the AGM en masse and agreed without any votes against.

The posts of VC Political and Membership were vacant -to be filled by Exec.

b. Ordinary Members

There were 7 nominations received by the Returning Officer prior to the meeting for these vacancies (up to 7 allowed):

Steve Mason

Steve Bolter

Jane Brophy

Dinah Keal

George Miles

Mariam Mahood

Bill Powell

The election of these 7 Ordinary Members was put to the AGM en masse and agreed without any vote against.

c. Co-options as Ordinary Members

Up to 4 of these are allowed at the decision of the Executive Committee.

Although these posts would be decided at the first or subsequent Executive Committee meeting, there were 4 people willing to be put forward.

Rosalyn St Pierre

Kevin Daws

Edward Robinson

Keith Melton

6. Constitutional Amendments

These had been pre-circulated before the meeting prepared by Simon Oliver and Peter Bruce.

1. Term of co-opted members of Exec
2. Inclusion of diversity statement in line with LibDem Policy

The changes to the constitution were proposed and accepted by the meeting without any vote against.

7. Any Other Business

None and so the Chair closed the meeting.

Post the AGM Jo Swinson talked on the importance of Green issues and Climate Change action. Questions related to Brexit, Extraction industries, Agriculture, Diets, Fracking, Rainforests and biodiversity

After the speech there was some dialogue with members covering Divestment from Fossil Fuels, working with LD Scientists e.g. on Fracking, Transport including airport expansion/rail and the visibility of policies on the website.