

HUMANIST AND SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Annual General Meeting Sunday 20th September, 6.15 to 7.15pm

Yeovil Suite, Marriott Highcliff Hotel, St Michael's Road, West Cliff, Bournemouth

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence [as received by the chair or membership secretary]
- 2 Minutes of the 2014 AGM
- 3 Reports from executive committee
- 4 Consideration of Annual Accounts for 2014
- 5 Determination of the annual subscription for 2016
- 6 Close of nominations for election of Executive Committee
 - a) Chair
 - b) Vice-Chair
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) Membership Secretary
 - f) Four Ordinary Members
- 7 Election of Executive Committee members to non-contested positions
- 8 Nomination & Election of Honorary President or Honorary Co-Presidents
 - a) Evan Harris
 - b) Julian Huppert
 - c) Mike Quinton
 - d) Dick Taverne,
 - e) Sally Hamwee
- 9 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2015.
- 10 Constitutional amendments recommended by the Executive Committee**
- 11 Discussion on The Challenges Facing Secularism in Britain Today with
Keith Porteus Wood of the National Secular Society

Notes:

Item 5 - Annual Subscription

The retiring committee recommends that the annual subscription remains at £10.

Item 7 – Election of Committee:

For non-contested posts, election is by a simple majority of members present and voting at the AGM. For contested posts, a postal ballot of all members will take place within six weeks after the AGM.

Item 8 – Nomination & Election of Hon. President or Co-Presidents

Hon. Presidents or Co-Presidents are nominated by the retiring committee and elected by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the AGM.

Item 10 Constitutional amendments recommended by the Executive

New 3.2 If a member does not renew their annual subscription within 3 months of the subscription becoming due, their membership shall be terminated.

Amended 6.5: The terms of office of Officers and Ordinary Members shall run until the relevant elections at the following AGM take effect, or until they resign from the Executive Committee, or until their membership of the Group is terminated, whichever is earliest.

New 8.1 A member shall be expelled from membership of the group if the Executive Committee determines that the member has acted in way which brings the Association into disrepute if:

8.1.1 a motion to consider expulsion of a member shall only be competent at a meeting of the Executive Committee of which due notice has been given and intention to propose the motion has been circulated in advance;

8.1.2. such motion shall require a simple majority of Executive Committee members present and voting;

8.1.3.the member shall, subsequent to such vote, be notified in writing of the grounds on which the Executive Committee is considering the termination of their membership and given a fair opportunity to comment thereon in writing or on person;

8.1.4. the member shall be expelled only if the Executive Committee, after consideration of the relevant material, shall so decide by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

New 8.2. In case of urgency, the Executive Committee may, by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a properly called meeting, suspend any member from the rights and privileges of membership for a period not exceeding three months while the question of termination of their membership is under consideration. A member may be suspended by a majority decision of the Officers for a period not exceeding one calendar month to allow for a meeting of the Executive Committee to be called.

New 8.3 The member may then appeal to the Party President, or their nominee, for their membership to be reinstated. Membership may be reinstated either by a decision of the Party President or their nominee, or by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Re-number subsequent clauses accordingly.