

## HUMANIST & SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Annual General Meeting Sunday 18th September 2016, 1pm – 2pm,

Churchill Room, Hilton Hotel.

**Present: 39 Members**

**1 Apologies for Absence:** Vera Head. Troy Tester. Len Micklewright. Gary Otten. Andrew Hollyer

**2 Minutes of the 2015 AGM**  
These were approved as a true record.

**3 Reports from the Executive committee**

**a) Chair**

The chair reported that we have been calling for the party to develop broad policy covering discrimination by the state based on religion or belief via a submission to the Agenda 2020 consultation, a fringe meeting at Spring Conference and a motion for debate at both this year's conferences.

The motion had not been accepted for debate but will be resubmitted in due course.

We submitted a response to the Party Governance consultation, calling for the party constitution to replace references to discrimination and prejudice based on religion so as to explicitly cover both religious and non-religious belief.

We have continued to call for the party to review its policy on religious discrimination in school admissions. it now looks as though there will be a working group covering precisely this topic.

**b) Vice-chair**

No report

**c) Secretary**

The Executive had met regularly . Thanks were recorded to the BHA for the use of their meeting room.

**d) Membership**

The Membership Secretary was absent but the membership stood at 134.

**4 Consideration of Annual Accounts**

The accounts for the year ending December 2015 were accepted

**5 Consideration of budget for 2015**

The budget for 2017 was agreed.

**6 Determination of Annual Subscription for 2016 - 17**

This was agreed at £10 ( no change)..

**7 Close of nominations for election of Executive Committee**

a) Chair

b) Vice-Chair

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer

e) Membership Secretary

f) Four Ordinary Members

**8 Election of Executive Committee members to non-contested positions**

The following were nominated and elected by a simple majority

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| a) Chair                 | Toby Keynes                           |
| b) Vice-Chair            | Vera Head                             |
| c) Secretary             | Kay Kirkham                           |
| d) Treasurer             | Arnie Gibbons                         |
| e) Membership Secretary  | Vacant                                |
| f) Four Ordinary Members | Sue Vincent. Jim Forrest. 2 Vacancies |

Thanks were recorded to Martin Doyle, Sarah Brown and John White for their service over the previous year

**9 Election of honorary co-presidents**

Dr Evan Harris, Julian Huppert, Mike Quinton and Dick Taverne were nominated and elected by the required 2/3rds majority.

**10 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2016**

Peter Dunphy was appointed

**11 Constitutional Amendments**

These were passed by the required 2/3rds majority.

**12 Guest Speaker Julian Huppert.**