

North Thames and Chiltern Area Conference Sunday 2pm 15th October 2017 St Stephens Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood, St Albans. AL2 3PJ.

Minutes

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks (14:00 open) In relation to the non issue of membership card are people happy for my chairing of this meeting? - The meeting returned no objections.

2. Apologies for Absence Jeff, Gerry, Tina, Ian.

3. Election of Tellers

a. Establishment of voting strength Barnet 2, Didcot 2 + 2, Hillingdon 1 + 1, Slough 1, Stevenage 2. 7 delegates initially arriving at 8 prior to any voting. Chairman, Treasurer, Administrator & Activities officer in attendance.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

a. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous Meeting Carried nemcon.

b. Matters Arising from the minutes The National holiday retails at £64.50 per member attending. The account is 'PLUS Spring Break'. The AGM account is 'PLUS AGM'.

5. Secretariat Reports

a. Chairman Attended the last NEC meeting, new National website should be working.

c. Administrator Thank you to Rhianna for keeping the minutes up to date in my absence.

d. Treasurer 119 members currently, down 8. 40 have lapsed, 21 new members since last report. Hillingdon memberships have at last arrived. Have received a PR claim from Stevenage.

e. Activities Officer January Area meal planned, Area quiz and chips, Area chess, National Badminton, AGM and Spring break.

6. Group Reports

a. Barnet £1,187.47, £17 cash. 22 members. Average attendance 11.5. Music quiz, 23/12/17 Christmas meal at White Hart £18. 3 caravans booked for WASH. Recognises a need to gain new members.

b. Chiswick Position unchanged, 2 members, £11.72 plus cash tin.

c. Didcot £596.41, £61.94 cash. 42 members. Programme provided, Facebook re-invigorated. Advertising - word of mouth / facebook chats work very well, ie. Free stuff.

d. Dunstable No information directly. 8 members on books. Supposed chair not currently listed as a member.

e. Hillingdon Money = Same! (£250 reported January 2017). Membership? 17 booked for WASH.

f. Slough £468.29. 3 members. Going to WASH. Re-launch in new year.

g. Stevenage £1,450.30. 28 members. New programme, new prospective members. Web and poster advertising, paid adds return no results. Going to WASH, blog going well, 23/12/17 Christmas meal.

7. Elections

a. Publicity Remains vacant.

b. Training Remains vacant.

c. General Remains vacant.

8. Matters for Debate.

Chiswick Group. Chiswick has reached a consistent, no meeting, 2 members, next to no money, no events stage for a year now and some of those parameters for longer. Both current members whilst not present have expressed either a desire to merge with Hillingdon or at worst no opinion garnered

on the merger idea. Hillingdon would be happy to see this. Chiswick will merge with Hillingdon Group from 01/11/2017. - Unanimous.

Slough Group. Has three members who would like it to remain open. £468.29 in the bank. The group will go for a re-launch at the Tower Arms 15/11/2017. Rhianna to lead this, please support it.

Winchester, a new Group proposal. We have a Plus member whom has moved to Winchester and would like to open a group there. There has been a Group there before that gained interest prior to one of its supporters effectively closing it. Bexi has the lead on this. Can a report come back to Matt and team prior to 19/11/2017 please.

Hillingdon Group, concerns from many quarters have been expressed about the current state of the treasury of this Group with no reports and a fair few missing memberships of late in greater evidence than has been noted in previous years. Katie will chase ex-Hillingdon members in case they believe they are currently members. A re-iteration of treasury / membership officer responsibilities will be circulated to all committee members.

9. News from National. AGM and Spring Break booked.

10. AOB. Look out for National Badminton, AGM and Spring Break.

11. Date, time, venue of next Area Meeting. 14th January 2018 St Stephens Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood, St Albans. AL2 3PJ. (16:22 close)