

LDE AGM minutes 30th November 2024

1. Chairs welcome and opens at 15:00. Chair: David Sapiro

Present: Andrew B, David S, Tom McA, Andrew H, Deborah N-C, Louis Kemp, N Goodearl, Oliver K, Rhys H, Robert H, Shyamali R, Steve B, Stuart P, Paul T.
total 14, not quorum as 20 need

2. Apologies: Hannah Betworth

3. Minutes of 2023 AGM

- a. Constitution Amendment from last year - not seen via links
- b. Added to this years minutes - diversity officer & fixing obvious typos
- c. Consensus don't need to re-elect Layla as honorary chair this year

4. Reports:

- a. Chair's. Deaths of members. General Election review process, with focus on postal voting. Thanks to be given in the formal report.
- b. Vice Chairs Report (Ian absent)
- c. Membership Development Officer. Relatively stable slight decrease 365 to 343. Credit card payment issue for central party resolved now. Events GE and Euro elections. Joint with LDRF - not great participation rates.
- d. Treasurers. Spend £1600 on donations to 4 local parties for GE.
- e. General Election Review report
 - i. Supported these candidates directly: Dave Chadwick, Jamie Stone, Max Wilkinson, Layla Moran
 - ii. Thanks to Rhys for digital campaign
- f. No votes were entered against any of the officers' reports.

5. Elections of Officers - Kay of LDF as Returning Officer

- a. Chair - David Sapiro
- b. Vice Chair - Ian Frank
- c. Secretary - Andrew Burgess
- d. Treasurer - Robert Harrison
- e. MDO - Tom McAdam
- f. Diversity Officer - vacant
- g. Ordinary Members - Louis Kemp, Nick C, James Owen (Steve B in meeting as ordinary member)
- i. None of roles were contested. All remaining or moving into post. Exec is open to additional people joining during the year.

6. Motions

- a. Thanks to GE Campaign Team. No speakers or votes against.
- b. Continuation of LDA steering committee. Passed with 1 vote against.
- c. Opening of discussions to merge with LDF. No objections.

7. AOCB

- a. Suggestion that James MacClairry (MP for Lewis and spokesperson for Europe) to be contacted and support offered. Exec will write and attempt to establish a working relationship.
- b. Deborah N-C volunteered for LDA steering committee

Close: 16:18;