

NORTH EAST LONDON & ESSEX GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS

Registered Charity Number: 1056280

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Moby Dick (A12 junction with Whalebone Lane), RM6 6QU
as well as 'in-person' this AGM also had members attending via ZOOM

Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Minutes

The Chair, **Paul Gillett (PG)** introduced the **AGM** welcoming everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – John Saffer, Lesley Borzoni, Pete Minvalla, Steve D'Ath, Martine Heasmer
2. **Minutes of previous AGM** on Tuesday 12th April 2022
The Minutes were accepted as a true record.
Proposed by: Peter Rowles; **Seconded by** Ken Wheeler
Carried unanimously.
3. **Matters arising from the 2022 AGM Minutes**
None
4. **Chairman's report**
Copies were handed out and will also be available on the Group website

Resolution 1: To accept the Chairman's report

Proposed by: Charlie McGlinchey; **Seconded by** Cliff Cadman
Carried unanimously

5. **Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts.**

The Treasurer's Report was handed out at the meeting, and can be seen on the NELE website [here](#)

Paul Heasmer (**PH**) stated that the balance was lower in 2022 mainly due to the postage to members of free copies of the Highway code, an initiative which was in line with the Group's charitable road safety objectives. It would be up to the new Committee to consider whether membership fees should go up although he saw no reason why it should, as our funds are healthy.

PG clarified that Sundries should read:

Roadworthy £318; Printing and postage (calendars, envelopes etc) £778; Total: £1096

PH thanked everyone in the group who had assisted him in his role as Treasurer over the years

Resolution 2: To accept the Treasurer's report and adopt the accounts.

Proposed by: Graham Fennell; **Seconded by:** Cliff Cadman
Carried unanimously

6. **Resolution 3:** That any monies unclaimed by Group members for over one year by the end of the AGM should be treated as a donation to Group charitable funds.
 - We include this every AGM to avoid "ghost" entries in the accounts where members, for example, have moved without notifying a new address or cancelled their membership but not a standing order, or where members have paid twice and not asked for a reimbursement.
 - There were no unclaimed monies carried forward for 2021/22**Proposed by:** Graham Fennell; **Seconded by:** Ken Wheeler
Resolution carried unanimously

7. **Election of officers** (*Officers must retire annually & may offer themselves for re-election*)

Standing for re-election:

- Chairman: **Paul Gillett**
- Secretary: **Mike Noel**
- Treasurer: **Graham Fennell** was standing for election; **Paul Heasmer** was standing down
Proposed by (*en block*): Clint Childs; **Seconded** by: Charlie McGlinchey
Carried unanimously

8. **Election of committee members**

Every year one-third of Committee members must retire in rotation and may offer themselves for re-election.

Committee Members retiring by Rotation and not standing for re-election:

Peter Rowles, Charlie McGlinchey, Jennifer Maclellan

Committee Members retiring by Rotation & standing for re-election:

Paul Heasmer is retiring as the Treasurer but standing for election as a Committee member

Proposed by: Cliff Cadman; **Seconded by:** Sylvia Partt
Carried unanimously

*It was noted that Jennifer MacLellan was retiring from the Committee but would continue her role as Newsletter Editor, Press & PR until the next **AGM** or as soon as a replacement can be found.*

9. **Any other business –**

- **Derek Leggetter** mentioned that he had recently seen a press article in which an IAM RoadSmart representative was reported as saying that drivers over 75 years should re-take their driving test. He asked that this group, NELE, should write to Head Office expressing the view that we strongly opposed the idea as other classifications of driver were more likely to cause accidents should be higher priority for compulsory re-test, and similar measures to improve their driving skills and this was yet another 'attack' on older drivers.
 - In the discussion which followed, members identified other measures which were felt to be of higher priority. It was also recognized that in many areas of the country, public transport was much more limited than in London; in rural areas, many older drivers were therefore reliant upon cars for almost any journey. Nevertheless, it was recognized that there was a valid cause for concern over some drivers whose mental or visual faculties were failing with advancing age but did not accept the need to give up their licences. However, road accident statistics still show that such drivers represent a lower risk than many other types of road user.
 - **Action: MN & PG** to draft a letter to Head Office incorporating the views expressed by members. This would be informed by a copy of the offending article, which Derek would forward to them.
- **John Baxter** reflected that Observers give up their time to the Organisation. He notified the meeting that he had written to the IAM RoadSmart Chair suggesting a subscription reduction for volunteers and that he would report back.

The AGM finished at hrs 20.30 hrs