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**Annual General Meeting 2015: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015****Venue: Mill Green Museum, Bush Hall Lane, Hatfield, AL9 5PD****Meeting opened at 7.00pm****Present**

Committee: 8

Siva Niranjana (Chairman), Mike Pickup (Secretary), Peter Klein (Treasurer), Jeremy Withrington, Malcolm Appleford, David Hubbard, Chris Tilley and Clark Campbell.

Members (excluding the Committee): 21

**Apologies:** Stephan Barnard, Andrew Bull, Tamara Deakin, Bob Thurby.

| No | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1  | <b>Minutes of the last AGM (18<sup>th</sup> September 2014)</b><br>Agreed, proposed by Malcolm Appleford and seconded by David Hubbard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2  | <b>Committee Report</b><br>The Chairman, Siva Niranjana introduced the report, copies of which had been distributed to the attendees, on behalf of the Committee.<br>The key points highlighted by Siva Niranjana were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Branch Events: 10 Branch meetings/events were held this year including the AGM.</li><li>b) Average attendance 56 (excluding the AGM). Higher than last year's average of 48.</li><li>c) The branch has continued its own Web-site &amp; Facebook page.</li><li>d) The branch has awarded two student prizes for 2015.</li><li>e) Expressed our thanks to Steria and University of Hertfordshire for the use of their location and refreshments.</li><li>f) Invited members to join the Committee.</li></ul> |
| 3  | <b>Treasurer's Report</b><br>The Report was summarised by Treasurer Peter Klein. On a budget allocation of £1,548 we have underspent by £31.70. We have been allocated a budget of £2,097 for the 2015 – 2016 season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4  | <b>Membership Secretary's report</b><br>Branch Membership currently stands at 1759 members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 5 | <p><b>Election of Officers for 2015-16</b></p> <p>Nominations were received as follows:</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Siva Niranjana, proposed by Chris Tilley, seconded by Malcolm Appleford.</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Mike Pickup, proposed by Siva Niranjana, seconded by Jeremy Withrington.</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Klein, proposed by David Hubbard, seconded by Mike Pickup.</p>               |
| 6 | <p><b>Election of the Committee for 2015-16</b></p> <p>The following members of the 2014-15 Committee stood for re-election and were elected:<br/>Malcolm Appleford, Bob Thurlby, Jeremy Withrington, Stephan Barnard, David Hubbard, Chris Tilley, and Clark Campbell.</p> <p>Seth Wheeler, Rebecca D'Cruz, Algirdas Pakstas and Richard Sarsby were welcomed as new members of the committee.</p> |
| 7 | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No other business.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|   | <p>The Meeting Closed @ 7.30pm and was followed by a tour of the Mill Green Museum.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |