# Annual General Meeting 2016: Tuesday 20th September 2016

*Venue:* Rothamsted Research, West Common, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2JQ

The Meeting opened at 18:40

**Present**

Committee: 10

Siva Niranjan (Chairman), Mike Pickup (Secretary), Peter Klein (Treasurer), Malcolm Appleford, Stephan Barnard, David Hubbard, Algirdas Pakštas, Chris Tilley, Jeremy Withrington, Seth Wheeler

Members (excluding the Committee): 19, visitors 7.

| No | Item |
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| 1 | **Welcome and Introductions**<br>The meeting was introduced by the Chairman, Siva Niranjan, who welcomed those attending |
| 2 | **Apologies for absence**<br>Bob Thurlby, Richard Sarsby |
| 3 | **Minutes of the last AGM (15th September 2015)**<br>Agreed, proposed by Chris Tilley and seconded by Malcolm Appleford. |
| 4 | **Matters arising**<br>There were no matters arising from the minutes |
| 5 | **Committee Report 2015-16**<br>The Chairman, Siva Niranjan introduced the report, copies of which had been distributed to the attendees, on behalf of the Committee.<br>The key points highlighted by Siva Niranjan were:<br>a) Some of our topics have regular slots (for example, Ada Lovelace and build event).<br>b) 10 Branch meetings/events were held this year.<br>c) Average attendance 41 (excluding this event), a decline compared with the previous three years.<br>d) This year's programme has included visits to RES (Renewable Energy Systems) and to Rothamsted Research.<br>Siva invited members to join the Committee and expressed our thanks to Sopra Steria and the University of Hertfordshire for the use of their facilities. |

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| 6 | **Treasurer's Report 2015-16**<br>The Report was summarised by Treasurer Peter Klein. On a budget allocation of £2097 we have an overspend of £41.92 subject to confirmation because of the delay in receiving final details from the BCS. For 2016 - 2017, we requested a budget of £2,495 and have been allocated £2,395. |
| | **Membership Secretary's report**<br>Branch Membership currently stands at 1732. The breakdown by grade and by age was presented as percentage bar charts on a sheet distributed to attendees. This sheet also described the meaning of the various membership grades. |
| 7 | **Election of Officers for 2016-17**<br>Nominations were received as follows:<br>**Chair**: Peter Klein, proposed by Siva Niranjan, seconded by Bob Thurlby<br>**Secretary**: David Hubbard, proposed by Peter Klein, seconded by Malcolm Appleford<br>**Treasurer:** Malcolm Appleford, proposed by Jeremy Withrington, seconded by Seth Wheeler<br>There were no other nominations and the above were elected on an overwhelming show of hands. |
| | **Election of the Committee for 2016-17**<br>The following members of the 2015-16 Committee stood for re-election and were elected:<br>Stephan Barnard, Siva Niranjan, Mike Pickup, Algirdas Pakštas, Chris Tilley, Bob Thurlby, Jeremy Withrington, Seth Wheeler<br><br>Kotee Nagam came forward after the meeting and has joined the Committee |
| 8 | **Any Other Business**<br>There was no other business<br>. |
| 9 | The Meeting closed at 19:08 and was followed by a tour of the Rothamsted facilities and a talk given by Professor Chris Rawlings. |