

Notes from HASL General Meeting 25 March 2012

Present: Tracy Hind, Sue, Jackie, Les, David, Sarah

Apologies: Paul Norman

AGM Need to plan AGM. It was decided to form a sub group to plan AGM. Tracy, David, Chris and Jackie volunteered. The group will report back to next meeting with a proposal.

Finance

With agreement of bank account signatories, LG has opened a second bank account for CUPP funds. There has also been discussion between signatories about adding Paul as a signatory to the bank account as the RACE project has grants and expenditure and so it would be easier if we had him as an additional signatory. Les has been dealing with the Co-op over this and we need a change of constitution or notes from extraordinary meeting to agree this. Les has also planned to go to get financial advice for community groups receiving grants from someone with expertise at Money in Mind.

Questions were raised about the fact that signatories currently have debit cards, which can be used to pay for things without the safeguard of a 2nd signature. David and Jackie felt strongly that we need the safeguard of dual authorisation. Les was concerned about the practicalities of making payments, and Tracy H suggested that signatories may use e-mail / online methods to confirm dual authorisation. Les said with increasing grants and expenditure the treasurer post is becoming more onerous and he also feels that it is important that major decisions on expenditure are taken by the general meeting. It was suggested we should seek an assistant treasurer and to revisit the idea of a financial protocol.

Report back from groups

VEG group, all going well. Growers gathering next Sunday. Any help appreciated. Volunteers days every Tuesday pm.

Film Group: Permaculture film planned for April. It was decided to make that last of season as May busy in festival and then people less keen on films on long light evenings. Will restart in September. Film suggestions welcome.

Membership Project: Tracy has done a couple of interviews with core members but is waiting to hear from others. When she has gathered more information she will present it back to the group and facilitate a discussion on sustaining and growing HASL membership

Hanover 1010 RACE: Next volunteer morning 22nd April at community centre to help with draught –proofing insulation etc.

Date of next meeting 29th April 2012 at 8pm at Hanover Pub, 242 Queen's Park Road.