

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT – SUSSEX BRANCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 29 JANUARY 2011
AT ST. PANCRAS CHURCH HALL, LEWES

1. Present: S.Ackroyd, G.Blaker, B.Booth, Y.Borgmann-Prebil, K.Evans, O.Farley, R.Farley, N.Fox, I.Hayward, O.Hayward, N.Hopkinson, A.Hughes, J.Jaeger, C.Jones (Treasurer), S.Leigh (Chairman), S.Quigley, M.Rider, S.Stokes, F.Taylor, J.Toomey, M.Toomey (Secretary), M.Tuccori.
2. Apologies for absence: R.Baker, T.Baker, M.Bintcliffe, A.Henchley, N.Henchley, G.Hendriks, G.Powell, M.Vasey, V.Vasey, G.Powell.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM: These were approved.
4. Chairman's Branch Report: See attached. A tribute was paid to the Chairman for the achievements of the past year.
5. Treasurer's Report: In presenting the accounts (see attached) Chris Jones pointed out that although £500 had been paid to Wiston House for the 2010 seminar, the income from it is not recorded until the current accounting period; the total assets to date are therefore approx. £1400. The report was approved – proposed by Stephen Quigley, seconded by Kate Evans.
6. Election of Officers and Committee: The existing officers and committee members were elected en bloc, namely Sarah Leigh (Chairman), Martin Toomey (Secretary), Chris Jones (Treasurer) and Kate Evans, Illa Hayward, Oliver Hayward and Martin Vasey (Committee members), in addition to Nick Hopkinson who now joins the Committee – proposed by Alan Hughes, seconded by Oliver Farley.
7. Assessor of Accounts: Marilyn Dodd to be asked to continue for the time being, but a successor, competent in handling accounts, to be sought.
8. Ideas for future Branch activities:
 - (i) Contact with Radio Free Brighton on the Internet about filling a 'Conversations on Contemporary Topics' slot there in March (Jonathan Jaeger).
 - (ii) Distribution of leaflets through free newspapers (Oliver Farley).
 - (iii) Continuation of the Branch education project (Stephen Quigley); the importance of individual members' links with schools was emphasised.
 - (iv) Possible collaboration with twinning organisations (Alan Hughes).
 - (v) Exploitation of what the Council of Europe might have to offer (e.g. education, Roma, etc.)

The meeting was followed by a presentation of the 'Europe in School' website by Chris Jones, Stephen Quigley and Margaret Tuccori, a report from one of the François Duchêne bursary holders, Ariadna Ripoll Servent, on her work on her project, and a substantial lunch organised by Illa Hayward.