

## **Annual General Meeting held the 20 January 2011**

This was the first AGM of the Association presided by the President, Maggie Coleman.

21 members attended. 6 proxies were received.

Scrutineers were elected – Gaetan Wehry and Michael Small.

Minutes of the Inaugural meeting held on the 29 September 2010 were approved.

### **President's Report:**

- Constitution – it was an excellent document from a legal point of view but presented some working difficulties. The President hoped that members of the new committee would carry out a review of the Constitution so that any changes could be presented to members at next year's AGM.
- Membership was rising steadily
- The members had enjoyed some excellent meetings and social occasions, including a visit from the ESU President of France, Beatrix de Montgermont-Keil and Maurice Lemonnier.
- The year ahead will see many interesting events, including the quiz, the May walk, Barbecue and a variety of fascinating speakers.
- Committee changes – Irene Small and Peter Beech were leaving the committee, both having been excellent committee members whose contributions were much valued. Joan Homer was resigning as Secretary. It had been a tough job and had demanded a great deal of her leisure time.
- There were nine committee posts to fill and nine applications had been received. A vote, therefore, was not required but approval was given by the members present. John Barritt, Susan Darby and Terence O'Hara would be joining the new committee.
- There will be an official launch with members from the other French branches being invited, as well as delegates from Dartmouth House.
- The website has been created and is managed by Peter Morgan. It has proved to be an excellent communication tool.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Tim de Alwis had prepared a projection for 2011 based on the current balance and foresaw possible difficulties around the time of the launch, expenses for which were presently unknown.
- Additional funding would be sought in the form of grants.

**Appointment of Auditor:** Michael Small was unanimously accepted as Auditor for 2011.

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Joan Homer reported that membership stood at 60 at the 31 December 2010.
- Attendance at events had been an average of 27.6.

All the reports above were accepted unanimously.

**Subscriptions for 2011:**

- It was proposed that subscriptions be increased to 25€ per person with effect from 2012.
- It was proposed that a country membership be introduced for those whose principal home was more than 150 km away from the Siège Sociale. 15€ was proposed per person with effect from 2012.

Both proposals were accepted by 19 members present.

**Any Other Business:**

- Phoebe Marshall-Raimbeau suggested that the ESU Loire Valley members join library members in a trip to Paris to visit the Assemblée Nationale. There was an enthusiastic response to this idea.
- Clare Courant, who works with a theatrical group, proposed a theatrical production. There was little interest expressed from those present.

The meeting closed at 20.20h.