



OutStories Bristol - Recording the lives of  
lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans  
people in Bristol.

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

### **Phoenix Freehouse, Champion Square, Bristol BS2 9DB**

Present: Andy Foyle, Andy Hole, Bill Drayton, Charlie Beaton, Cheryl Morgan, Chris Leigh, Donald Branch, Gemma Tiley, Kim Renfrew, Mark Small, Paul Taylor, Robert Howes, Rosie Buckland and Tom Marshman.

Apologies: Dale Wakefield Sarah-Louise Minter.

#### **1. Appointment of a chair and a note-taker for the meeting**

The meeting opened at 7pm in the Phoenix Public House, which venue was arranged at short notice because the key holder for the scheduled venue, Friends Meeting House, failed to show up in time. Charlie Beaton welcome members to the meeting and invited nomination for chair. It was agreed that Chris Leigh would chair the meeting and Charlie Beaton would take notes.

#### **2. Talk by Charles Smith**

Charles Smith spoke on "Construction of the gay community since the 1960's", the subject of recent research for his PhD thesis. Charles gave an illuminating description of the significant social and political journey taken by gay men and lesbians in the twentieth century . It was much appreciated by members present.

#### **3. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of the Inaugural General Meeting held 10th October 2011 were approved.  
Minutes of the Special General Meeting held 21st May 2012 were approved.

#### **4. Annual report**

The annual report for 2012 was proposed by Charlie Beaton, seconded by Andy Foyle and approved by those present. The financial report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was proposed by Donald Branch, seconded by Chris Leigh and approved by those present, subject to the satisfaction of the Association's financial scrutineer, Dale Wakefield. The matter arising from the Inaugural General Meeting on Future Structure of

OutStories Bristol was incorporated into the Annual Report but dealt with as a separate motion. It was proposed by Donald Branch, seconded by Robert Howes and approved by those present. The trustees will make appropriate arrangements to secure the future of the Association and seek approval of the membership if amendment to the Constitution is required.

#### **5. Nomination of officers**

The Constitution requires that the membership elect a board of trustees from its number comprising five officers, being two co-chairs of different gender, a secretary, a treasurer and a web administrator. Nominations were proposed by Andy Hole and seconded Gemma Tiley – co-chairs: Andy Foyle and Cheryl Morgan; secretary: Charlie Beaton; treasurer: Donald Branch and web administrator: Chris Leigh.

#### **6. Nomination of trustees**

The constitution allows for any number of ordinary trustees to be elected by the membership from its number. Members of the Association were invited to nominate to ordinary posts on the board of trustees. Members nominated were Andy Hole, Gemma Tiley, Kim Renfrew and Paul Taylor.

#### **7. Election of the board of trustees**

On being put to the meeting, the officers and the ordinary trustees were elected unanimously.

#### **8. Any other business**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9pm.

#### **Attached:**

**A) Annual Report 2012**

**B) Financial Report 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012**