

Royal Society of Biology West Midlands Branch

Annual General Meeting 21.11.2018, 7-9 pm

Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET, Main Building, Room G11

MINUTES

Recorded by Sue Howarth with help from Norma Broadbridge

1. Attendees: Jill Johnston, Norma Broadbridge, Sue Howarth, Lesley Payne (from 7.15 pm). Elisha Zadok sent apologies.
2. Minutes of the AGM of 23.11.2017 – approved.
3. Branch Annual Report – well received. Photos and brief descriptions of the year's events were shared via PowerPoint.
4. Questions from floor re Branch Annual Report 2017/18 – no questions
5. Branch Treasurer's Report; questions – only one question was received about source of a surplus for one event; the Treasurer responded. Higher expenditure than in previous years was accounted for by having committee meetings around the region and events at for different venues so more people could attend and lower costs because of speakers and venues not charging.
6. Election of Committee for 2018/19. No new nominations. The following agreed to stand again:
Chair: Sue Howarth
Treasurer & External Communications Secretary: Lesley Payne
Meetings Secretary: vacant
Meetings Coordinator: Jill Johnson
Student Coordinator: Phil Young
Events Coordinators: Norma Broadbridge; Caroline Day; Elisha Zadok
7. Date and venue of upcoming committee meetings for 2018/19 – 1st meeting would be organised via Doodle Poll and this would be used to arrange the rest of the committee meetings for 2019.
8. AOB (as notified prior to 19.00) - Aston Uni was thanked for providing the venue for the AGM and talk.

The AGM was followed by an excellent talk, introduced by JJ at **19.30**, given by Dr James Brown of Aston University, titled "As old as my tongue and a little older than teeth: the biology of frailty".

Light refreshments followed the talk