

Minutes of LAMPAG AGM held on Monday 21st March 2016 at The Old Laundry
Stockwell Gardens Estate SW9 9BY

1. Welcome from the Chair Ellen Lebethé
2. No Apologies received
3. Minutes of AGM 2015 read and agreed – proposed by Anne Lawrence, seconded by Ted Knight
4. Matters Arising: Ellen proposed that we follow the advice of Dot Gibson who spoke on the new pensions coming in to force in April 2016. We need to encourage and work for change for the pensioners of the future and build our capacity to enable us to do this.
5. Feedback on our February 2016 Open Meeting: Ellen reported that at this meeting we held workshops on Communication, Events, Finance & Fundraising and Campaigns.

On the subject of **Communications** we spoke about ways of contacting members, problems with IT skills, updating our website and costs of producing newsletters. A suggestion for using Facebook and other new media sources was talked about and also using our local press for advertising ourselves and our events/campaigns.

For **fundraising** it was decided to keep up our monthly raffles with members contributing prizes. Fred proposed a monthly lottery and has followed this up with getting together the forms and rules and regulations for running this.

Anne reported that for **Events** they spoke about Blackpool Pensioners Parliament and how to include more members by making information available such as itinerary and costs and what is expected of attendees. A fundraising event for the summer was discussed, making our Christmas event in to a family affair. Topics for Health conferences included hospital discharge, hearing problems and cramps. The Country Show – showing our banner and giving out information leaflets. It was suggested that we contact Southwark Pensioners to join us for campaigns.

Ellen spoke about the **Campaigns** we have been involved with such as housing, refugees, local library cuts, fuel poverty, local council hustings, our National Health Service, pensioner issues, TTIP, Dr's strike and personal care.

For this year's Health Conference Ellen has been talking to Susan Webb at St Thomas's to arrange a session on hips, knees, bones and arthritis. The afternoon session will concentrate on the issues of care at home after hospital discharge.

Ellen sent around a list that members at the meeting could sign up to on one of the sub committees for the above four subjects of Events, Campaigns, Fund raising and Communications.

6. Reports from Chairman, Secretary were self explanatory and have been sent to all members. The Treasure's Report was tabled and will be sent to members at the next mail out in April. Bene discussed her report and re-iterated that she will be leaving

as Membership Secretary. Ellen thanked Bene for her hard work with Lampag over the last four years and presented flowers.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members:

Chair – Ellen Lebethe self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Vice Chair – Ted Knight self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Secretary – Penny Savage -self proposed and seconded by Benedita Whitehouse

Treasurer –Solomon Gbadebo self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Membership Secretary – position vacant

Committee Members: Anne Lawrence –self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Bola Oyedele – self proposed and seconded by Solomon Gbadobo

Ron Reid – self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Pat Prendergast – self proposed and seconded by Penny Savage

Mrs O Osibowale proposed by Solomon and seconded by Stella Johnson

Stella Johnson proposed by Solomon and seconded by Mrs Osibowale

8. AOB

- Gordon asked about the budget statement. Ellen explained that the signed statement was tabled for this meeting and will be sent to members at the next mail out
- Solomon asked if we could discuss an increase of membership fees but Ellen explained that as we haven't received a written proposal we were unable to discuss it.
- A member suggested that we need to reduce newsletters to save on postage and photocopying. Ellen replied that we have to continue informing our members on a monthly basis about campaigns and meetings etc.
- Another suggestion was for more members to use email to receive newsletter but Ellen said we have an aging population not all have had or want to use computers and we cannot exclude them.
- Karis from the charity Beanstalk spoke to the meeting about volunteering in schools to help primary school children with reading.

9. Close of meeting at 2.40pm