

## **Bolton & Bury ME/CFS Group Annual General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Present:** Pam Turner, Sue Forshaw, Sarah Bainbridge, Pat McKenna, MM Graham, AM Graham, Debbie Collins, Dorothy Griffith, Mike Burton, Kelly McCrea, Carole Senior, Mandy Gore, Maria Sale, Angela Cassidy, Andrew Levy, Pauline Vaughan, Roger Vaughan, Joanne Wood, Natalie Plover, Vicky Rowell, Stephen Walker, Aleck Cubley, Philip Hayworth.

### **Apologies:**

Kim Finney, Yvonne Leech, Russell Leech, Angela & Neil Glendinning, Olga Cary, Mike Parnell, Christine Farrington, Rosalind and Mark Smith, Caroline and Ste Higson, Tom & Lois Nicholson, Maria McCluskey, Ste Jerstice, Sue and Paula Stephenson, Alice Doyle.

#### **1. Minutes of last AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as being correct, proposed by Maria Sale and seconded by Mandy Gore. All voted in favour of the motion.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

#### **3. Secretary's Report and Group Leader's Report**

A copy of both the Secretary's report and the Group Leader's report was given to all attending for them to read.

#### **4. Financial Report**

Pam read out The Treasurer's report as Kim Finney was unable to attend. It was proposed by Philip Hayworth and seconded by Sarah Bainbridge that the report be accepted as correct and all voted in favour of the motion.

#### **5. Election of Committee**

There were no further nomination for membership to the committee, and Pam explained that Stephen Walker would be unable to continue as a member of the committee. Pam also pointed out that several years ago it was only due to Stephen and Caroline stepping in as committee members that enabled the group to continue as we were down to only two committee members. Pam presented Stephen with a bottle of wine as a small token of our thanks.

It was proposed by Carole Senior and seconded by Sue Forshaw that the remaining committee members continue to serve the group.

Pam asked all group members to think if they can help even though they don't want to take on such a big commitment as becoming a committee member. Helpers would be welcome to come to the three committee meetings held each year and just offer whatever help they feel is manageable to them at the time on an ad hoc basis.

**6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

It was proposed by Sarah Bainbridge and seconded by Maria Sale that our Honorary Auditor Lisa Fletcher be appointed again for next year. All voted in favour of the motion.

**7. Any Other Business**

Any other business comprised of Maria Sale asking for any suggestions people may have for speakers at the coming meetings. Pam also asked if members have any suggestions about things that may improve the group.

**8. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.