



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Bromley & Orpington Group



19th Annual General Meeting March 10th 2015

Present: Neville White, Vivien Glanz, David Howkins, Waltraut Gilchrist, Patsy Paine, Ted Burke, Wendy Simmons, Gladys Edmonds, Joan Williams, Shirley Henderson, Margaret Coppard, Peter Martin and Claire Ellis. **Apologies:** Eleanor Ivens, Patrick McDonnell, Vivienne Andrews, Rene Eastwood, Chris Purnell.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman:	Neville White	nominated by Patsy Paine seconded by Waltraut Gilchrist
Secretary:	Vivien Glanz	nominated by Gladys Edmonds seconded by Shirley Henderson
Treasurer:	David Howkins	nominated by Margaret Coppard seconded by Ted Burke

No other nominations were received; the above named were elected unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2014 AND BUDGET FOR 2015

David circulated copies of his financial report for the 2014 calendar year, together with his budget proposals for 2015. The report of the Independent Examiner, Karl Ahlborn, confirmed that the Income and Expenditure account and Statement of Assets were in accordance with the Group's accounting records. The Financial Statement showed total income for the year of £5,366, cash held at 1st January 2014 of £563, donations to Amnesty of £4,622 (including £72 affiliation fee), Group expenditure of £677 and cash held at the year-end of £702. Donations were well ahead of budget, and events marginally below. Group operational costs have continued to fall and represented 11% of income, this includes room hire, which is now our single biggest cost.

Copies of the Financial Statements are available from David. The Group's assets include archive, screens, Amnesty candle, upright banner and other banners. The Group has disposed of its canopy. Stock to the value of £24 is held in Amnesty Christmas cards.

The budget for 2015 projects total income of £2,510, expenditure of £492, and donations to Amnesty of £2,090; the fall in income is principally due to fewer planned events, which are budgeted at £2,020 for 2015 and donations of £510 (we are assuming a £20 deficit on Christmas cards). The Group unanimously approved the budget. Thanks were expressed to David for his prudent accounting of our affairs.

3. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Officers proposed the re-appointment of Karl Ahlborn as the Group's Independent Examiner, which was approved by the Group. Karl was thanked for his work in independently examining the Group's accounts.

4. VOTE OF THANKS

The Group's thanks were expressed to Frances Darling for administering the monthly e-mailing.

N E WHITE, Chair