



**Minutes of the 2010 AGM of the Transport Economists Group held  
on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 5:00pm**

**Present:** Julie Mills (Chair)  
Gregory Marchant (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)  
Dick Dunmore (Secretary & Webmaster)  
Stephen Bennett  
John Cartledge  
Andrew Spencer  
Peter White  
Tom Worsley

**1. Apologies for absence**

Julie Mills and Dick Dunmore announced that apologies for absence had been received from Laurie Baker, Jillian Beardwood, Jeremy Drew, Peter Gordon and William Wingate.

**2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

These were reviewed and no corrections or matters arising identified.

Tom Worsley proposed and Gregory Marchant seconded acceptance of the Minutes.

ACCEPTED

**3. Chair's Report**

Julie Mills presented her report for 2009-2010.

All the regular meetings had been held at the Arup Headquarters in Fitzroy Street and average attendance had been 26. The programme had dealt with the environment and rail, bus and air modes but there had been no meeting on roads.

Julie thanked Arup for their continued hospitality and Guoxun Qi and Peter Burgess for their assistance. PDFs of speaker presentations were routinely sent to Members when speakers consented.

Julie also thanked Rebecca Graham for her continued work administering the Group.

The report was reviewed and no corrections or matters arising were identified.

Dick Dunmore proposed and Tom Worsley seconded acceptance of the Report.

ACCEPTED

#### **4 Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

Gregory Marchant presented his report and the audited accounts for financial year 2009.

He stressed that subscriptions were the Group's only regular source of income, but that Membership numbers remained strong, with 130 renewing or new Members already and an expectation that this would rise to around 150-170 after reminders had been sent. Arup's generous provision of a meeting venue had contributed to the control of costs.

He reminded the group of the Financial Principles adopted in 2008 and in particular that the Group would maintain a large margin of cover over any potential liabilities such as commitments to the cost of further seminars.

Stephen Bennett, speaking as auditor, commented that the Group was doing well and recommended that the accounts should be published to the members, with whom the liabilities of the Group lie, both on the website and in the Journal, and that in the latter they should be accompanied the Financial Principles. It was agreed that the 2009 Accounts and Financial Principles will be published in the Journal.

Julie Mills proposed and Dick Dunmore seconded acceptance of the Report and Accounts.

ACCEPTED

#### **5 Appointment of auditors**

Gregory Marchant reported that he had invited Stephen Bennett to continue as auditor and Stephen confirmed his acceptance.

Julie Mills proposed and Tom Worsley seconded acceptance of the motion.

ACCEPTED

#### **6 Election of the Committee**

Julie Mills reported that Peter Burgess had announced his intention to stand down from the Committee but all the other existing members had offered themselves for re-election. In addition, William Wingate had been nominated to, and expressed a willingness to join, the Committee. The Committee offering itself for re-election or election therefore consisted of:

Laurie Baker  
Jeremy Drew  
Dick Dunmore

Peter Gordon  
Gregory Marchant  
Julie Mills

William Wingate  
Gerard Whelan  
Tom Worsley

John Cartledge proposed and Stephen Bennett seconded the re-election of the existing Committee members.

ACCEPTED

Tom Worsley proposed and Dick Dunmore seconded the election of William Wingate.

ACCEPTED

Dick Dunmore reported that the new Committee would elect Committee members to specific posts at the next Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010.

## **7 Any other business**

The Committee had discussed the issue of the Group's publicity, and in particular the value of a Committee member for publicity, and sought the views of the Membership. Julie Mills proposed checking whether the Group could publicise free in Local Transport Today, and Stephen Bennett suggested recruiting a "champion" in each organisation: Dick Dunmore similarly suggested that auto-forward could be used to create an email "cascade". Julie Mills noted that further effort could be made and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Dick Dunmore reported that it was current policy that the Journal would be published in PDF form, accessible to all, after two years, and sought the views of the Membership on whether this remained appropriate. It was suggested that this should be changed to one year.

Julie Mills proposed and Tom Worsley seconded the proposal to publish the Journal after one year.

ACCEPTED

John Cartledge proposed and Stephen Bennett seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee.

ACCEPTED

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:45pm.