

MhIST, Mental Health Independent Support Team

Annual General Meeting held at Bolton Little Theatre

Wednesday 28th November 2012

Present: Albert Phipps, Alison Standish, Alan Ainscow, Alex Murray, Stephen Gent, Vinny Geelan, Noel McNabb, Peter Pendlebury, Karen Brady, Lilian Chamberlain, Di Leigh, Sandra Ashman, Sharlaben Kikabhai, Jean Hesketh, John Sumner, Anne Green, Champa Mistry, Chelsea Illingworth

In attendance: Melvin Bradley, Judith Sumner, David Procter.

Apologies: Jill Roberts, Alan Hulme, Bernard Smith

Melvin introduced everyone to the first AGM since MhIST had relocated to Hanover House.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes from the last A.G.M. held on the 23rd November 2011 were proposed by Lilian Chamberlain and seconded by Alan Ainscow.

Matters arising

Lilian Chamberlain asked a question about donations which Melvin said would be answered in the report.

Confirmation of directors

Melvin named the nominees for the Board as:

Advocacy	Noel McNabb
Bi Polar	Jill Roberts
Counselling	Albert Phipps
Craft and Social group	vacant
Depression 1	Stephen Gent
Depression 2	Alan Ainscow
Depression 3	Alan Hulme
Hearing Voices	vacant
Mindfulness	Lynn Sutton
Office	Peter Pendlebury
Self Esteem skills group	Roger Duckworth

Co-opt

Hilary Mercer

All Directors were elected.

As Lynn Sutton was absent, Di Leigh said she would contact Lynn Sutton to confirm her continuing role on the Board.

Chairs Report

This was delivered by Melvin due to the absence of the Chairperson, Jill Roberts. Melvin reminded everyone that it was the Report for up to 31/03/2012.

Peter Pendlebury asked a question about how reserves could be accessed which was appropriately answered by David Procter.

There were several questions about the self help groups becoming constituted and these were answered appropriately.

Lilian Chamberlain asked questions about “will giving” which were answered by Melvin and David Procter. Stephen Gent said he had access to a will writing service.

Melvin corrected some information in the “Financial” section, clarifying that the Comic Relief advocacy project money will run until December 2013, and not 2014 as reported.

The new 1 Point service was discussed and questions asked by Jean Hesketh and Champa Mistry were answered fully.

Peter Pendlebury was recognised for all his hard work which resulted in MhIST successfully achieving the Action for Advocacy QPM. Peter was also thanked for the work he is currently undertaking in helping MhIST, as an organisation, achieve a PQASSO quality mark.

Independent examiners Report

Alison Standish asked about the rental cost of the new property. Melvin said it was cheaper than 30 Chorley New Road was and discussed the new lease

Di Leigh commented that the new building room dimensions didn't work well for the Mindfulness Meditation group and a discussion followed offering various solutions.

Appointment of Independent examiners

David Procter's nomination was unanimously accepted.

Any other business

Vinnie Geelan made a comment regarding the external paintwork of the new property. Melvin discussed the matter with him confirming that money can be spent so that it can be painted professionally.

Melvin read out an e mail regarding birthday collections in the office. It was suggested that they should formally finish as they were becoming more and more frequent. Lilian Chamberlain proposed that a card would suffice in future, Peter Pendlebury seconded and everyone else agreed.

Vinnie Geelan asked for clarification on the use of imitation cigarettes on the premises. Melvin confirmed providing they aren't lit it is acceptable.

Alex Murray enquired about the 20th birthday celebrations. Alan Ainscow said nothing had been organised yet but possibly there would be a celebration arranged for February or March 2013.

Lilian Chamberlain asked why there wasn't a Christmas party this year. Melvin replied that everyone had been too busy with the move. Alan Ainscow suggested a social event could be arranged. Melvin reminded everyone that there would still be the usual Christmas Eve open house. Karen Brady suggested the MhIST fundraiser should arrange social events in future. Melvin suggested perhaps a permanent committee should be set up to arrange social events in future.

Lilian Chamberlain asked about membership forms and Melvin advised they would probably be sent out for completion with the next newsletter.

Date of next meeting

To be advised