



**THE MOSELEY SOCIETY**

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## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOSELEY SOCIETY**

**Held on THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

**7 p.m. at Moseley Community Development Trust**

There were eighteen members present.

Geoff Rees, Co-chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** received in advance from Michael Marlow; Judith Dewsbury; Dena Rankin, Liesel & Malcolm Rosindale, Rosemary Turner.

2. **Proposal to alter the membership year and membership subscription rates**

The motion had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The Chairman explained that the change was being proposed as all costs were increasing, and particularly for holding meetings. In addition the Society Committee would like to be able to consider joining Civic Voice, the successor organisation to the Civic Trust. The Moseley Society would fall in the top band, for which the current annual subscription is £500.

The Chairman invited questions and Michael Hell said that he supported the proposal but asked the Committee to keep the subscription rate in mind and to make regular small annual increases in future and so avoid the need for an occasional but large increase. Michael cautioned that the introduction of a Standing Order option would lead to increased work as each time the subscription rate is increased members would need to be asked to alter their Orders.

Fiona Adams said that to enable small but more regular increases in subscriptions in future, the Committee had decided to produce a new type of membership form which would include a printed brochure with information about the Society and with an inserted photocopied application form that could be updated whenever the rate was changed in future.

The Chairman then proposed the motion that “**With effect from 2012:**

1. **Annual subscriptions should be £10 per household and £5 for students and jobseekers.**
2. **Subscriptions should become due in January of each year, in line with the Society’s accounting year.**
3. **3-year discount subscriptions should be discontinued as they expire.**
4. **Members should be offered the option to pay subscriptions by standing order.”**

This was agreed by a unanimous vote of those present.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.