**Historical Association – Ealing Branch**

**Minutes of AGM – Tuesday 12th January 2016 at Ealing Green Church**

Eighteen members were present. They were welcomed by the Chair Peter Hounsell.

1. Apologies; Margaret Harris, Margaret Martin, and Peter Crane.
2. Minutes of the AGM of the 13th January 2015 were circulated,taken as read and approved. No matters arose therefrom which were not discussed under subsequent items.
3. The Treasurer’s written report was circulated and approved. At the end of the financial year there was a surplus of £1,889.14. However over the year there had been a loss between income and expenditure of £272.76, which he considered were due to increase in lecturers’ expenses and fees. He thought this would increase during the current year. Local subscriptions were double but door receipts were down. There are currently 16 paid up local members

There was some discussion as to whether the annual local subscription of £12 was high enough to meet the increasing costs. It was felt that an increase to £15 was in line with other similar societies.

**It was proposed by Philip Woods and seconded by Elizabeth Sunley that,as from September 2016 local subscriptions be increased to £15 p.a .and guest fee to £5 per meeting. The proposal was passed unanimously. It was agreed that meetings should remain free to students.**

On the proposal of Richard Morse, seconded by Russell Davies, the Treasurer’s report was approved.

1. The Secretary’s written report was circulated. He referred to the variable results of recent book sales and appealed for more books of quality onany topic to replenish the stock. He also stated that the Parlour had been booked for June but he had not yet decided to go ahead with it, given the relatively modest turnout over the last two years. He stated that progress was being made with compilation of the 2016/17 programme but that , as ever, suggestions were always welcome.
2. The Chair’s report was circulated. He referred to the variable success of season’s book sales at the HA national conference and at Brentfest, on which the association’s finances heavily depended. He also referred to his work to engage local schools in the HA’ activities and to the success of the European trip to Antwerp, which encourages us to organise another for this year.
3. Election of officers and Committee Members

The following were re- elected by unanimous agreement;

Chair - Peter Hounsell

Treasurer - Peter Crane

Secretary - Pierre Thomas

Information & Publicity Officer –Phillip Woods

Committee members - Colin Emmins, Elizabeth Sunley, Harriet Liz Wood, . Russell Davies and Rodney Reid were unanimously re-elected.

There were no nominations for Refreshments officer. Once again the Chair asked for members to consider volunteering for the not very onerous position, but refreshments can be managed with the equipment being stored at the Secretary’s house and members taking it in turns to suoervise the service of te drinks.

1. Outings 2015.

The Secretary announced a visit to the Old Bailey on 3rd May

Colin Emmins announced a European trip to Three French Chateaux on 26th – 29t May for which deposits would need to be paid by the 15th February. .

1. Subscriptions. See under Treasurer’s report
2. Another Other Business. No matters were raised.

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After the A.G.M. the Chair presented a “Show and Tell” session during which five members produced items of historic interest with commentaries thereon.