



DORE VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Dore Village Society will be held at **Dore Methodist Church, High Street, Dore, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th June 2017.**

1. Agenda

1.1 Apologies for absence.

1.2 Approval of the minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting.

1.3 Trustees' report.

1.4 To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2016.

1.5 To elect up to 9 committee members.

1.6 Changes to the Society's Constitution.

(i) The committee has been debating the matter of how long an individual should be permitted to continue as a member of the committee. At the moment members are appointed for periods of three years. The committee is recommending that, in the interests of good governance, a committee member should not be allowed to serve for more than four terms of three years. In addition, it is recommending that the post of Chairman should not be held by the same person for more than five years. It is felt that these decisions should be reflected in the Constitution of the Society, rather than just being left to the good practice of the committee. The AGM of the Society needs to confirm any changes to the Constitution. Accordingly, it is recommended that the sentence currently in the Constitution, which reads "One third of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and outgoing members may be re-elected." should be replaced. The proposed new wording is set out below:

One third (or as close to this as is possible) of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Society normally for, but not exceeding, a period of three years; and outgoing members may be re-elected. The maximum period for which an individual shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee shall be twelve years. Transitional arrangements shall apply, as minuted by the Executive Committee and to ensure the smooth running of the Society, for the early years of the introduction of this policy with effect from the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

(ii) A second change to the Constitution is also recommended. Section 14 of the constitution refers to the ways in which notices are deemed to have been given to members. At the

moment the current wording in section 14 of the constitution reads as follows: "Any notices required to be given by this constitution shall be deemed to be duly given if published in Dore to Door, displayed on the Society's notice board or left at or sent by prepaid post to members using the address last notified to the Secretary". It is recommended that the word "Secretary" is replaced with "Membership Secretary" and that the following phrase is added to that sentence as follows: "*or to the email address last notified to the Membership Secretary*".

1.7 Any other business

2. Talk

Following the formal meeting, there will be a presentation entitled "'I love trees but ...' - the story behind the campaign to save Dore's healthy street trees', presented by Ann Anderson, Margaret Peart and Sue Unwin.

3. AGM Notes

3.1 **Non-members of the Society are welcome to attend the meeting** but will not be entitled to vote.

3.2 The **Society's accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report** on them will be available for members of the Society on application to the treasurer from 1st May.

3.3 The Society's constitution permits **nominations for election to the Executive Committee** to be made up to 14 days prior to the meeting. ***Any nominations, together with a proposer and seconder, will need to be given to the Secretary no later than Thursday 25th May 2017.*** Nomination forms can be obtained from the secretary.

3.4 A list of those nominated will be placed on the Society's website and noticeboards.

Angela Rees
DVS Secretary
1st May 2017