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## AES Annual General Meeting, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Amateur Entomologists' Society held at the Museum of Zoology, Cambridge University, at 12:30 hours.

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The AGM took place during the Society's Members' Day, which included a number of lectures including a Presidential Address and the Annual Leonard Tesch Lecture, delivered by Prof. Rebecca Kilner. This event was held jointly with the Museum's Zoology Live! event entitled *Insectopia*.

**Present:** Members who signed the Attendance Sheet included Beulah Garner, Jacqueline Ruffle, Joseph Gillson, Roger Osborne, Peter Brown, James Prout, Mike Noble, Nick Owens, Colin Hart, Dafydd Lewis, Stephen Thomas, Edgar Turner. On-line: Victoria Burton. Seventeen members voted by proxy.

AES President Prof. Ed Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sonia Copeland Bloom, Michael Brian, Jonathan Cave, Andy Chick, John Cooper, Miles Dodd, Chris Hamilton, Julia Harding, Ralph Hobbs, Diane Howse, Ian Masters, Peter Hodge, Erica McAlister, Andrew Raybould, Sophia Reinisch, Philip Reynolds, Alan Rix, Chris Wain, Nick Wadham and Sven Wießner.

### Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

*Proposed: Joseph Gillson; seconded Colin Hart; carried nem con.*

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### Reports of the Society for the year under review

The Annual Report to the Charity Commission, which incorporated the Annual Accounts as endorsed by the Independent Examiner of Accounts, were accepted by the meeting.

*Proposed: Ched George; seconded Colin Hart; carried nem con.*

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### Announcement of Awards

**The Hammond Award 2024**, for the article judged best in the AES *Bulletin*, was presented to Nick Owens.

**The Gardiner Awards, 2024:** Several Junior Members were commended for their contributions to the *Bug Club Magazine*, and will receive their awards in the post, as follows:

Age 9-13: Toby Acton, for his write-up of the Bug Club Camp; Hampton Hensley, for his article on "Penny, my grass spider"; Amelia Dix, for her writeup of the AES/BENHS event; Kumari Kush, who recounted the 2023 Bug Club Camp; and Michael Pudjianto, for his article on wasps.



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Age below 9 years: Evelyn H; and Fiona Bailey (age 4) leaf beetle

#### **Acknowledgement of recently deceased members of the Society**

The names of members of the Society of whose passing we had been informed since the previous AGM were read out by the President, and a brief silence was held in their memory: Anthony Crawforth; Andrew Eames; Tim Hearn; Edward Moss; Paul Noble; Raymond Uffen.

#### **Special Resolutions**

It was agreed by the meeting that the Constitution of the Society will be amended, subject to Charity Commission agreement, as follows:

Section 4, paragraph iii, will be simplified.

Section 7, paragraph xi to be added, as recommended for clarity and transparency by our Independent Examiner of Accounts.

*Proposed: Colin Hart; seconded: Joseph Gillson; carried nem con.*

#### **Election of President for the coming year**

Colin Hart was elected as President of the Society, with Prof. Ed Turner becoming Vice-President.

*Proposed: Ed Turner; seconded: Joseph Gillson; carried nem con.*

#### **Election of Council Members and Officers**

The following members were elected or re-elected, *en bloc*, for the coming three-year period: Dr Victoria Burton; Dr Andy Chick; Colin Hart; Jacqueline Ruffle; Nick Wadham.

The following Officers of the Society were elected, *en bloc*, for the coming year: Secretary: Dafydd Lewis; Treasurer: Peter Brown; Registrar: Dr Victoria Burton; Editor, AES Bulletin: Dr Mike Noble; Newsletter Editor: Dafydd Lewis; Advertising Secretary: Peter Hodge.

*Proposed: Joseph Gillson; seconded: Roger Osborne; carried nem con.*

#### **Independent Examiner of Accounts**

It was accepted by the meeting that Aishat Idris, of BAnC Services, would be appointed Independent Examiner of Accounts for the current year, as recommended by AES Council.

*Proposed: Peter Brown; seconded: Dafydd Lewis; carried nem con.*

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12:49 hours.

Dafydd Lewis  
AES Hon. Secretary  
21.vi.2025