

# **Committee Meeting 4pm 12th Apr 2014 (Bristol)**

## **1. Attending**

Committee: Roger Orr, Matthew Jones, Chris O'Dell, Robert Pauer, Dirk Haun  
(A number of other ACCU members were also present)

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Received from Seb Rose & Mark Radford

## **3. Chair and Secretary**

The recently ended AGM had **not** picked a caretaker chair and secretary, so we are currently without either role.

We are able to continue to operate the Society for day to day business (although it is a little underspecified what this covers)

Alan Lenton had offered, today, to stand for the role of Chair. We agreed (all committee members in favour, 6 of the attending accu members also in favour and 2 abstaining) to co-opt Alan to the committee with a view to running an election for the role of Chair as soon as was reasonable.

**Roger** would investigate the timings for the election.

In the absence of anyone to hold the position of Chair we suggested that we'd rotate chairing the meetings around members of the committee.

## **4. Future of ACCU**

We had some discussion about the future of ACCU and in particular the problems raised by

- (a) the lack of a clear statement of purpose
- (b) issues with the website / book reviews
- (c) declining numbers

We recognise this is one of the big matters that whoever takes the role of Chair will help the committee to take forward.

We had a paper from Allan Kelly discussing some of this and Seb Rose had also mentioned a few ideas. However it was not really possible to take this discussion further in the short time we had available.

We gratefully accepted the offer of help from Jon Dye <jon@pecorous.co.uk> to see if he could assist with the website; he will discuss this with Martin Moene.

## **5. Co-options to the committee**

We also co-opted Malcolm Noyes and Ralph McArdell to the committee; both of whom offered themselves at the meeting.

Both were voted nem con by the existing committee (and supported by a show of hands from the other members present)

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

Proposed as the afternoon of 3rd May, both virtually and physically at Roger's house  
35 Kitto Road SE14 5TW.

Unfortunately Roger is not free on the 3rd May so we will try to find an alternative date and time.

Meeting closed 4:30 pm