

# Science is Vital

## First Annual General Meeting

The first Science is Vital Annual General Meeting commenced at 18.30 on 13th September 2012 in the Christopher Ingold Lecture Theatre, University College London, with Dr Jennifer Rohn in the chair. The meeting was declared quorate, with at least 70 ordinary members attending and all except one member of the Executive Committee-elect present.

No apologies for absence were received.

### 1. Welcome

Dr Jennifer Rohn (Chair, Science is Vital) opened the meeting and welcomed those present both physically and by the wonder of the Internet.

### 2. Guest speaker

The membership was addressed by Colin Blakemore FRS, Emeritus Professor of Physiology, University of Oxford.

### 3. Accounts

Shane McCracken (Treasurer) reported on the finances of the Institution (see Science is Vital - Finance Report 2011-12.pdf).

### 4. Guest speaker

Imran Khan, Director of the Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE) addressed the meeting.

### 5. Executive committee

- Della Thomas resigned as Membership secretary. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously.
- The appointment of Shane McCracken (Treasurer), Stephen Curry (Vice-chair) and Richard P Grant (Secretary) was confirmed unanimously by the membership.
- Julie Ghosh (Membership secretary) was elected unopposed to the role of Membership Secretary.
- Prateek Buch, Tom Hartley, Paula Salgado and Andrew Steele were proposed and elected as Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee.

### 6. Discussion

A full, frank and free-ranging discussion concerning the potential and desired continuing role of Science is Vital was held, both in the room and on Twitter. Some points are captured at <http://scienceisvital.org.uk/2012/11/06/agm-summary/>.

### 7. Closing remarks

Stephen Curry (Vice-chair) closed the meeting. A motion to adjourn to the Jeremy Bentham was proposed and carried.