



**Annual General Meeting of the Utopian Studies Society
New Lanark, Scotland, 4 July 2013**

Minutes

Present: F Vieira (Chair) J Arnold (Treasurer), L Davidson (Secretary), A Balasopoulos, G Claeys, L Davis, R Levitas, L Sargisson, N Coleman, P Vesela, V Geoghegan, A Blaim, J Bastos da Silva, T Moylan (committee members) and 54 other members.

1. Apologies: Nicole Pohl, Pere Gallardo, Liz Russell
2. Minutes of the AGM held in Tarragona, 7 July 2012 , unanimously approved on a motion by A. Milner, seconded by A Magid.
3. Matters arising. None
4. Finance: Treasurer's Report 2012/13. J Arnold reported on the financial statement available at meeting. Unanimously approved on a motion by R. Levitas, seconded by N. Coleman. He reiterated his wish to retire as Treasurer, and it was agreed to try and identify a suitable successor.
5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee:
Current Office-bearers and Committee members are as listed below. They are not due for re-election until 2015. Any vacancies arising can be reviewed at next AGM.
6. Conference Plans
 - a) 2014 Prague– update from Pavla Veselá. Dates will be 2-5 July 2014. The venue will be Charles University in Prague, close to the historic city centre and the theme will be "Utopia and Non-Violence". Keynote speakers confirmed as Hoda Zaki, and Karel Thein.
 - b) 2015. Two offers to host the 2015 meeting had been received – from the UK and Poland. Presentations were provided by N. Coleman, A Stock & L Garforth for Newcastle, and by A Blaim for Gdansk. After discussion, it was agreed that both would be possibilities, but more details were required about venues/accommodation/transport/support etc. Both cities could be future venues, possibly one in 2015 and one in 2017. F. Vieira requested that the final decision should be delegated to the Committee, to be taken once further information was available. A Magid moved approval, and R Levitas seconded. Agreed unanimously to proceed as proposed, and to take a decision before the end of 2013.

c) 2016 Lisbon. F. Vieira confirmed the intention to hold the 2016 conference in Portugal possibly in the medieval town of Óbidos near Lisbon, and advised of additional plans to mark the 500th anniversary of More's Utopia involving publication of a new short version, with illustrations chosen from entries to a schools competition.

7. Any other competent business.

Members were advised that the Call for Papers deadline for the Society of Utopian Studies conference in Charleston, South Carolina USA, Nov. 2013, had been extended to 15 July 2013. More information about travel grants available can be found on the website at <http://utopian-studies.org/conference2013/>.

N Coleman and O Simeon are looking at a future plan in 2017/18 or beyond for a meeting at Le Corbusier's La Tourette near Lyon in France, now under refurbishment.

8. Date of next meeting: 5 July 2014, Charles University, Prague.

Chair: Fátima Vieira, **Secretary:** Lorna Davidson, **Treasurer:** Jim Arnold

Committee Members:

Antonis Balasopoulos, Artur Blaim, Greg Claeys, Laurence Davis, Pere Gallardo, Vincent Geoghegan, Ruth Levitas, Tom Moylan, Nicole Pohl, Lucy Sargisson, Jorge Bastos da Silva, Pavla Veselá. Co-opted member, Nathaniel Coleman

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