



**2017 AGM  
30<sup>th</sup> May  
7.30pm  
Maybury  
Centre,  
Woking**

- 1) **Welcome** by the Chair, Matt Clarke, with request to sign in.
- 2) **Present:** Paul Couchman, Matt Clarke, Howard Kaye, Mick Dawson, Peter & Janice Hills, Wendy Fowle, Ginny Eaton, Alan Clyne, Thelma Snelgrove, John Hadwin, Mohammad Ali, Fiona Corr, Stephen Fash, Nick Chaffey, Louise Dennett, Lee Belsen, Liz Mansfield, Steve Trafford, Subhi Al-Zahari, Colin and Claire from Keep Our St Helier Hospitals.
- 3) **Apologies:** Dr Bob Gill who features in the film, Iain Raymond, Mark Kingdon, Helen Couchman, Robert Evans.
- 4) Showing of the Peter Bach film '**SELL OFF**' - 57mins about the Selling Off of the NHS over the past 20 years in preparation of a fully private NHS soon to be completed.
- 5) A short presentation from Colin and Claire of **Keep Our St Helier Hospital**, go to <https://koshh.org> for more info, including their Pledge to involve MPs and others. St Helier is very run down and some of their land has been sold off in order to pay for new windows and doors.
- 6) This was followed by a short presentation by Stephen Fash (ex CEO of Ashford and St Peter's Hospital Trust). A Level 3 Sexual Health, HIV and Genito-urinary Medicine Service Clinic is threatened with closure at St Peter's, with the only other Surrey one being at Frimley Park Hospital. Please sign their petition about this - [www.change.org/p/keep-blanche-heriot-unit-at-st-peter-s-hospital-open](http://www.change.org/p/keep-blanche-heriot-unit-at-st-peter-s-hospital-open).
- 7) There then followed questions and discussion with all speakers.
- 8) Sustainability and Transformation Programmes (STPs): Alan Clyne (Surrey County UNISON Convenor) briefly told us of Surrey's situation regards NHS and Social Care, that no proper consultation has taken place amongst much else. It was agreed that **SOSiS support the UNISON Lobby**, on **July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am** outside Surrey County Hall in Penryhn Rd, Kingston upon Thames. More information on the national Health Campaigns Together group, to which we are affiliated, can be found here - <http://www.healthcampaignstogether.com>.

## **AGM business**

9) Minutes of last AGM April 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 were approved.

10) Report from Fire Brigades UNISON Secretary, Lee Belsen: Spelthorne Fire Services - building has begun on the new fire station. The official decision on whether to have 1 or 2 Engines is still to be made by SCC but the fire station is a four bed building which indicates it is for only one engine. There is real concern for a potential slashing of fire service employees by 50% in Surrey within the next four years. Could this be a pre-privatisation tactic? SOSiS re-affirmed our concern and involvement in the Spelthorne fire stations issue and our solidarity with the Surrey FBU.

11) Treasurer's Report, was heard earlier in the evening as Thelma needed to leave early. We have £763.49 in the SOSiS account. It was a decision of the meeting to buy a new NHS banner to use on our NHS marches and lobbies and to purchase a megaphone. The total collected in the hat that was passed around was £42.

12) It was agreed to send Paul Couchman from SOSiS to the Shop Stewards Network day conference in London on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Other trade unionists were encouraged to attend. Details here: <http://shopstewards.net/activate/events/>

13) Elections – It was unanimously agreed to keep the status quo for Officers and committee members, with the addition of Fiona Corr to the steering committee, therefore:

Paul Couchman – Secretary

Matthew Clarke – Chair

Iain Raymond – Vice Chair

Thelma Snelgrove – Treasurer

**Election of Steering Committee:** All Officers plus Annette Egan, Liz Mansfield, Steve Trafford, Ginny Eaton, Barry Faulkner, Mick Dawson and Fiona Corr.

Meeting ended 9.45pm.

***Minutes taken by Ginny Eaton.***