

**EUROPEAN MOVEMENT – SUSSEX BRANCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 30 OCTOBER 2008
AT THE STEYNING CENTRE, STEYNING**

1. Present: T.Baker, C.Bintcliffe, M.Bintcliffe, G.Blaker, R.Booth, I.Caygill, P.Coventry, G.Egglestone, K.Evans, O.Farley, R.Farley, N.Fox, I.Hayward, O.Hayward, A.Henchley, N.Henchley, C.Jones, B.Le Cleff, S.Leigh, G.Powell, B.Rider, M.Rider, K.Sayers, S.Stokes, F.Taylor, O.Taylor, J.Toomey, M.Toomey, M.Tuccori, P.Whicher, D.Young, M.Young.
2. Apolgies for absence: H.De Souza, J.De Souza, E.Gillians.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM: These were approved.
4. Chairman's Branch Report: See attached (Chairman's Report; Educational Projects). Sarah Leigh was congratulated on her good work, and a suggestion was made from the floor that corporate membership for schools might be considered.
5. National Report: Chris Jones, as a member of the European Movement's National Council, reported that the Chairman, Peter Luff, had initiated the revival of the Movement in November 2007, but that due to lack of funding he was dependent in large measure on volunteers and interns; it was not possible to have a secretariat. Work was being done to maintain members' records and a database, but there were still problems with renewals. There was no campaign to be fought at the moment, but cooperation with 'Business for New Europe' was likely in the event of a referendum. The International European Movement was undergoing reform, part of which would be its inclusion of the UK Movement's website. In the run-up to the European elections the Movement would be emphasising the importance of the registration of migrant workers and of issues of interest to new voters. Chris announced the sad death of Anne Mackenzie-Stuart, a fellow member of the National Council and long time supporter of the Movement, particularly in Scotland.
6. Treasurer's Report: In presenting the accounts (see attached) Chris Jones commented that the Branch's assets had remained approximately the same as in the previous year and that the educational projects were being funded separately. The importance of following recognised accounting practice was emphasised from the floor.
7. Election of Officers and Committee: The Chairman announced that John Goss was not standing for re-election to the Committee. The remaining officers and committee were elected en bloc, namely Sarah Leigh (Chairman), Martin Toomey (Secretary), Chris Jones (Treasurer) and Rosemary Baker, Kate Evans, Illa Hayward, Oliver Hayward and Martin Vasey (Committee members) – proposed by Grace Blaker, seconded by Jenny Toomey.
8. Assessor of Accounts: Marilyn Dodd was reappointed.

A talk by Diégo Colas (French Embassy, London) on the EU Presidency followed.