

# Minutes

## Lancashire Friend

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 19th August 2002, 7.30pm  
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

**Attendees:** Jeremy Sharples  
Les Walmsley  
Jason Rainbow  
Pat Ashforth  
Nick Brierley  
Ian Halstead  
Peter Cash

**Chaired by:** Jeremy Sharples  
**Minuted by:** Nick Brierley

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### Apologies

None

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### Summary of Actions

- 1) **Following the name change to Lancashire Friend at the AGM a number of people and groups need to be advised as such, the main 2 from this group are the Bank and the Charities Commission. As Treasurer Jason volunteered to advise the necessary people of these changes. A list of other groups and people to advise is to be compiled in order to notify them of the name change. This is to be actioned and completed in line with the advertising and publicity for the relaunch.**
- 2) **Jason distributed information regarding becoming Trustees for the group and the responsibility and liability that this holds. The information was distributed and this will be discussed further at forthcoming meetings.**
- 3) **Jason, Jeremy and Peter are to have a sub committee meeting to discuss funding and putting together bids to relevant bodies in order to attain funding to secure the future of the group. Although currently financially sound funding is a necessity to continue and further develop the group and it's capabilities. Peter is to look into whom to approach within the Health Authority as this had been a previous source of income and this would also re establish the link again.**
- 4) **Ian advised he has been trying to establish the current members of the group. The recent lists were worked through to ascertain the current members and Ian is to put together a revise list. A decision was made to mail former members of ELLGaS to advise of the name change and relaunch of the group in order to see if any wish to rejoin or become involved again. Ian is to put together a letter to mail to these people. Further discussion and support was discussed**

including the possibility that the Burnley G & L support group "Flag" may possibly be folding. Pat advised that she had been contacted to try and help keep the group active. It was decided that although we should support and seek support from other groups that we should remain independent and focussed on the work of Lancashire Friend.

- 5) The introduction of 2 new members to the group was discussed and agreed. The 2 new members Michael and Chris would be introduced in the general meeting.
- 6) Discussions regarding re introducing the former "socials" were had. It was felt this would promote the group and also be a means of attracting new members. This was to be discussed in the following general meeting and a date to be organised for the first evening.
- 7) A launch party for the new Lancashire Friend was proposed. This would be to promote the new name and was agreed it would happen in line with the new advertising and publicity of the group.

Date for next meeting - 23/09/02