Minutes – Annual General Meeting
8th June 2019, Bristol

Present (* indicates current committee member)
Louise Freeman*, Rebecca Lawrence, Angelika Luehrs*, Susan Atcheson, Clive Morgan and several DSN members.

Dr. Angelika Luehrs chaired the meeting.

Apologies
Matthew Christie, Kaman Hansford, Malcolm Kinnear and Wendy Reid

AGM 2018 minutes
The draft minutes of the 2018 AGM were circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true record without amendment. There were no matters arising.

Chair’s Report
Delivered and accepted - link. Members expressed thanks to the chair for the hard work.

Treasurer’s Report
Delivered and accepted - link.

Election of Committee and Officers (‘O’ denotes officer posts)

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Kaman Hansford, Jacqueline Haworth, Jenny Holmes, Clive Morgan and Cathy Wield were unanimously elected as committee members.

DSN notes the resignation of Wendy Reid and Caroline Ritchie from the committee and thanks them for their valuable service.

Trustees
Under Charity Commission regulations all committee members must be trustees.

Any Other Business
- **Face to face meetings** – longstanding York group with decreasing numbers. Recently lost free venue for meetings. Discussed how to recruit new members of the group and where to hold the meetings as well as a perceived lack of enthusiasm from DSN members re. co-ordinating face to face groups although regular enquiries from people who would like to attend a group. Agreed this was similar to the lack of volunteers for helping with DSN stands at events.
  ACTION – to ask members about barriers to getting involved with DSN re. face to face groups / stand manning via online survey
- **London Marathon silver bond** – 1 place every five years. No action needed to keep bond and review in 5 years’ time (just had a place in 2019). Place costs £396. Jenny raised over £1500 for DSN this year.
  ACTION – keep place for now as no action required until 2024
- **Expenditure:**
  - Promotional film idea discussed – we have an offer from a doctor who is also a film maker to make a short promotional film for DSN. Cost would be £1000 (would be additional venue and travel costs).
  ACTION Agreed to pursue this idea
  - Advertising – consider purchasing badges
- **Donations** – treasurer noted decrease in members’ donations.
  ACTION – LJF to write an article for the newsletter about why we need donations and what we use our money for.

The 2019 AGM was declared closed at 12.15.

Draft minutes taken by Cathy Wield
08.06.19