

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited
will be held at
Sheffield Central Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW
on Saturday 10th May 2014, starting at 11.00 am
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

On foot (15 minutes with some uphill climbs): Leave Sheffield Midland station by the main entrance and walk up slope by stainless steel wall. Cross road and proceed up Howard St to the left of 'The Howards'. Bear right at the top and cross at the pedestrian lights. Take the ramp on your right which bears left into Surrey St. Walk up Surrey St to the top and with Yorkshire House in front of you turn right into Leopold St. After about 50 yards take the right fork into Orchard St. Continue to Church St where you will see the Quaker Meeting House opposite you down Vicar Lane.

By tram: Leave the station by the exit on the bridge and proceed to the tram stop. There is a tram (Blue and Purple routes) at least every 10 minutes to Cathedral tram stop from where you walk uphill to where you will see Vicars Lane on your right. There is also a tram every 10 minutes from Meadowhall Interchange to Cathedral.

Information about attractions and facilities in Sheffield (e.g. maps, accommodation etc.) can be obtained from <http://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/visit> or call Visitor Services on 0114 221 1900

Important Notice regarding Catering: If you require lunch at the AGM, you must book and pay for it in advance. The Society cannot afford to order (and pay for) extra lunches on the off-chance that delegates might want them on the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided free-of-charge during Registration (10.00-11.00). However, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to predict with any degree of accuracy the number likely to attend the AGM and thus how many servings of tea/coffee to order (and pay for). If you are planning to come, but are not booking lunch, please do take the trouble to at least tick the first box on the Booking Form or email lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk so that we can avoid over (or under) catering. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Ballot for election of Directors.

As there is only one nomination there will be no vote for Chairman. Voting papers for the election of directors accompany this notice. **Please note** that this year you may vote either electronically or by post. To accommodate this the voting instructions have changed so please read these carefully to ensure that your vote is valid.

Proxies

Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, upon a vote, vote on their behalf. A recommended form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tenth Annual General Meeting of
The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at
Sheffield Central Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW
at **11.00am on Saturday 10th May 2014**

AGENDA

10.00-11.00 Registration (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

11.00 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by the The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Councillor Vickie Priestley)
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speakers:
Mary Creagh MP for Wakefield and Shadow Transport Secretary.
Peter Marshall, Chairman of Huddersfield Penistone Sheffield Rail Users Association
Chris Bell, Chairman of Don Valley Railway

12.45 – 13.30 LUNCH (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 11th May 2013.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2013.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. To note the single nomination for Chairman and receive the results of the election for Directors.
10. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents.
11. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.
12. Chairman – review of the meeting and looking forward to the year ahead.

By Order of the Board
Lloyd Butler, Company Secretary
24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND.
1st December 2013

AGM Motions

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to discuss and assess what we have done over the past twelve months. You may therefore comment on, or raise questions about, the reports submitted. If the question is a very detailed one, it would be best to submit it in advance, in writing.

The AGM is also an occasion to look ahead and guide us all in our campaigning over the coming year. This is one reason why motions are submitted. Motions for discussion must be sent to the Company Secretary at 24 Chedworth Place, Tattlingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2ND to arrive by April 27th, with the signature of proposer and seconder. They should be posted in typed format or emailed to lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk.

Amendments to motions should be sent in writing or by email, with proposer's and seconder's name, before the day of the meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, further written amendments may be accepted by 12.30 on the day. You should also check the policy folders on our website, which set out our existing policies.

The Chairman has the right to send, before the meeting, copies of any motion(s) to any Branch, Directorate, Group or officer whose work it may affect. This is purely to ensure well-informed discussion at the meeting.

Motions on local issues should normally be debated at Branch AGMs but may also, in exceptional cases, be put to the National AGM. Emergency motions may be put to the meeting at the Chairman's discretion.

Motions should be CONCISE (preferably not more than 100 words) and the proposer and seconder should normally be present to speak on them and/or answer questions. Motions without a seconder will not be accepted. Any member proposing two or more motions must indicate order of priority (motions other than his/her first one will only be put if time allows).

Specialist Directorates/Groups, etc.

These are currently:

- Policy Directorate
- High Speed Rail team
- Rail Industry Finance team
- Research & Intelligence team
- Passenger Group
- Cycling issues team
- Disability issues team
- Rolling Stock Design panel
- Freight Group
- Infrastructure & Networks Group
- International Group
- Finance and Corporate Governance Directorate
- Railwatch* Editorial Group
- Media, Marketing and Communications Group

Any member interested in serving on any of these Directorates/Groups should write to the Chairman (address above) as soon as possible; he will then put their name to the incoming Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM.

Railfuture's Mission Statement

To be the number one advocate for the railway and rail users.

AGM BOOKING FORM

Sheffield Central Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW
on Saturday 10th May 2014, starting at 11.00 a.m.

You can complete this form online at www.railfuture.org.uk/member, entering your membership number and PIN (found on the inside of the Railwatch cover sheet) or by completing the form below and posting it.

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETION)

If you are coming to the AGM, or wish to send your apologies, please complete this form
IN CAPITALS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

- I will be coming to the AGM in Sheffield on Saturday 10th May 2014
 I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £9.50 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the **full** 2013 AGM Minutes (please enclose a)
 Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting (large letter/A4 envelope with)
(a minimum of a 69p stamp)

- Please email me a copy of the **full** version 2013 AGM Minutes
 Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the *edited* public version of the 2013 AGM Minutes are also available for download from the Railfuture website www.railfuture.org.uk/dl696 Copies of the **full** version are only available to RDS members by post or email – see above.

Electronic booking:

Lunch can be booked via the Railfuture website at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences/#book>.
Apologies and other AGM notifications may be emailed to the Company Secretary at lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk.

Postal booking: Please return this form (with cheque, payable to 'Railfuture', where appropriate):

by WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2014 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

Lloyd Butler (Railfuture AGM)
24 Chedworth Place
Tattingstone
Suffolk
IP9 2ND