

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited
will be held at
Worcester Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY
on Saturday 12th May 2012, starting at 11.15 a.m.
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

By Rail: From Foregate Street station, walk into the pedestrian precinct and carry on along High Street and you will see the Guildhall on your right. The Guildhall is a comfortable 10 minutes walk from the station.

By Car: The venue is in a pedestrian precinct. There are car parks nearby or Worcester has two park and ride sites, one at Worcester North on the A38 and one just off junction 6 of the M5 at Sixways. Both have regular, quick and easy, bus journeys into the city centre. For full information click here to go to the Park & Ride website <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/park-and-ride.aspx> or call 01905 765 765.

Information about attractions and facilities in Worcester (e.g. maps, accommodation etc.) can be obtained from <http://www.visitworcester.com/index.asp>

Accommodation can be booked via the TIC (Telephone : 01905 726311) or see their website http://www.visitworcester.com/worcester_accomodation.asp?clear=yes

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, please do take the trouble to at least tick the first box on the Booking Form so that we can avoid over (or under) catering.

Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Postal Ballot for election of Directors.

The only nomination for the post of Chairman was Dr David Berman. There were four nominations (Roger Blake, Chris Page, Christopher Fribbins and Philip Shelton) for four vacancies as Directors so there is no postal ballot this year.

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 Eighth Annual General Meeting of
The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at
Worcester Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY
at **11.15am** on **Saturday 12th May 2012**

AGENDA

10.00-11.15 Registration (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

11.15 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Worcester; Councillor Dr David Tibbutt.
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speakers:
 1. Hugh Roberts of PWH Associates who will talk about the campaign to reopen the Cheltenham to Stratford Upon Avon line as a through route.
 2. Second speaker to be confirmed.

Followed by questions

12.45 – 13.30 L U N C H (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 7th May 2011.
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 2011.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. To note that there was no need for a postal ballot for Chairman or Directors as there was an equal number of vacancies and candidates and to note the names of the Chairman and Directors elected unopposed.
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 with a Stamped Addressed Envelope (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, Tattlingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND.
1st December 2011

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 are welcome from any member, but they must be word processed or typewritten and sent to the Chairman at 33 Station Court, Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds LS25 2QQ, by April 28th, with the signature of proposer and seconder. If it is a motion to change or develop Railfuture policy, it should be accompanied by a note of the people to whom it is to be sent.

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, Committee 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 Committees

These are currently:

Passenger

 Cycling Sub-Committee

 Disability Issues Sub-Committee

Freight Services Development

Network Development

Policy, Lobbying & Campaigns

International & EU

Finance and Internal Affairs

Railwatch Editorial Board

Information, Publishing and Communications Group

Corporate Governance Review Group

Any member interested in serving on any of these Committees 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

Worcester Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY on Saturday 12th May 2012, starting at 11.15 a.m.

(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 Worcester on Saturday 12th May 2012
 I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £11.50 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the 2011 AGM Minutes (please enclose a)
 Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting (large letter/A4 envelope with)
(a minimum of a 58p stamp)

- Please email me a copy of the 2011 AGM Minutes
 Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the 2011 AGM Minutes also available for download from the Railfuture website
www.railfuture.org.uk

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

by FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2012 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

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