

by The Railway Development Society Limited

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited will be held at

Brighthelm Church and Community Centre, North Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1YD

on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, starting at 11.15 a.m. (registration from 10.00 am onwards)

**By rail:** From Brighton station, walk along the road towards the sea. Take the second on the left, on to North Road and the centre is just off the corner.

Information about attractions and facilities in Brighton (e.g. maps, accommodation etc) can be obtained from http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/

Accommodation can be booked via the Visit Brighton website http://www.visitbrighton.com/ or by calling 01273 290337.

**Important Notice regarding Catering:** Food will not be available at the venue so members are advised to find suitable eating-places around the venue, of which there are several.

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 appreciated.

## **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 Seventh Annual General Meeting of

The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at

Brighthelm Church and Community Centre, North Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1YD

at 11.15am on Saturday 7th May 2011

#### **AGENDA**

10.00-11.15 Registration

(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

## 11.15 Morning Session

- 1 Chairman's Welcome
- 2 Welcome to Brighton
- 3 Guest Speakers

Followed by questions

#### 12.30 - 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

### 13.30 Afternoon Session

- 1 Chairman's Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 To read and approve the Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 5 President's Address.
- 6 Chairman's Report.
- 7 To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010
- 8 Reporting Accountant's Report.
- 9 Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
- 10 Election of Directors to note that the Chairman, Michael Crowhurst, and directors Jerry Alderson, Philip Bisatt and Andrew MacFarlane are elected unopposed.
- 11 Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
- 12 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 or by email (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.

By Order of the Board L. BUTLER, Company Secretary 24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND 1st December 2010

## **AGM Motions**

Motions on national RDS policy, strategy and organisation are welcomed from members.

These must be word processed or typewritten and must bear the name of a proposer and seconder.

They must reach the Chairman: Mr Mike Crowhurst, 33 Station Court, Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds LS25 2QQ by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

The Chairman may forward a copy of any motion to any RDS Officer, Branch, specialist committee or affiliated group whose work it may affect, in advance of the meeting. This is solely to enable the discussion to be as well informed as possible.

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
Freight Services Development
Network Development
Policy, Lobbying & Campaigns
International & EU
Finance & Internal Affairs
Railwatch Editorial Board

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

Brighthelm Church and Community Centre, North Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1YD on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 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 Brighton on Saturday 7th May 2011 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies Please send me a copy of the 2010 AGM Minutes (please enclose a) Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting (large letter/A4 envelope with) ( a minimum of a 51p stamp for ) (2<sup>nd</sup> class, 66p for 1<sup>st</sup> Class;) (58p and 75p after 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011) Please email me a copy of the 2010 AGM Minutes Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting Copies of the 2010 AGM Minutes are also available for download from the Railfuture website www.railfuture.org.uk Please return this form: by FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to: Lloyd Butler (Railfuture) 24 Chedworth Place **Tattingstone** Suffolk

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