

**Report of Annual General Meeting 2022**

The Annual General Meeting of the Wandsworth and Merton branch of the European Movement UK took place on **Thursday 27 January 2022 at 8.10 pm**. The meeting was held virtually using Zoom.

1. There being no objections, Barbara Callender was appointed chair of the meeting and Jenny Ladbury secretary to the meeting.
2. The Chair's report on the activities of the branch in 2021 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and was presented to the meeting by the Chair who highlighted the branch's two major campaigns of 2021: the campaign to maximise registrations for Settled Status and Pre-Settled Status prior to the deadline of 30 June 2021 and the branch's Business of Brexit survey and report.

The Chair reported that:

- the branch's first in-person event of 2022 will be a street stall at Wimbledon Centre Court on Saturday 19 February,
  - branch chair Barbara Callender has been elected to the National Council and the National Executive of the European Movement UK,
  - the European Movement UK has a national membership of 15,000 and the aim is to increase it to 100,000, and
  - the overall aim of the European Movement UK is summarised in its 'step-by-step to rejoin' policy. \*
3. The statement of the accounts of the branch for 2021 had been circulated to members before the meeting and was presented to the meeting by the Chair. There were no questions on the accounts.
  4. The following were elected to the Committee and appointed as its officers:

Chair:	Barbara Callender
Vice-Chair:	Sally Morgan
Treasurer:	Arjan Geveke
Secretary:	Jenny Ladbury
Membership Officer:	Johanna Rindforth
Campaigns Executive:	Ben Austin
Social media editors:	Maciej Psyk, James Ryder

The meeting confirmed the election of Phil Carey to the Committee and welcomed him.

Other Committee members: Lucy Marsden, Peter Pollard, Helen Rennie-Smith.

5. There being no objections, Robin Phelps was reappointed as auditor for the branch.

There being no further business the formal AGM closed at 20.25.

A discussion on plans and proposals for the coming year followed. The following topics were raised:

- Raising awareness of the European Movement through street stalls, leafleting and social media to help grow the membership
- Investigating how London as a financial centre has been affected by Brexit; many City workers live in Wandsworth and Merton
- Liaising with Molly Scott-Cato, Vice-Chair of the European Movement, who works at Roehampton University, to help raise student awareness of the EU and lost opportunities from Brexit
- Reviving the opportunities for twinning now that Covid restrictions are being lifted
- Exploring the possibility of sharing some of our branch's experiences to other regions which are not so positive about the EU
- Continuing to collect case studies of SMEs' experiences post Brexit
- Highlighting issues affecting EU citizens in the UK and how promises have been broken
- Showcasing the problems and obstacles for people taking holidays in the EU.

\* **Step-by-step to rejoin policy:** Shift public opinion and campaign in 4 areas to achieve the end goal of rejoining the EU:

- 1 Change to the current Brexit deal
- 2 Re-entry into EU markets
- 3 A renewed political vision for the UK's role in the EU
- 4 Establishing the credibility and influence that will be required for a rejoin campaign

The steps will not necessarily be achieved in a linear fashion and EM will work to achieve these steps concurrently.

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