



The **137th Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Friday 12th November 2020 at 7.30pm** in the Haslemere Hall.

The meeting will be followed by drinks and canapes.

Formal Agenda:

1. Welcome to members
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last meeting
4. Chairman's report
5. Trustees' report and accounts
6. Election of incoming Chairman and Trustees
7. Election of Independent Examiner

The minutes of the last meeting can be [found here](#).

A copy of the annual report, to be presented at the meeting can be [found here](#).

The formal meeting will be followed by a panel discussion on making Haslemere a more pleasurable place to move around - further details of this discussion are set out below.

Since the onset of the pandemic there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people walking and cycling in and around the town. The benefits of active travel are forcefully argued but are they real? As pre-pandemic activity resumes, congestion is again increasing. Pedestrians, motorists and cyclists do not always move well together and Haslemere's topography does not help. Many residents can only get about using motorised transport.

what are the risks & benefits of active travel?

- What changes could be made to improve things?
- Do E bikes make a difference: for better or worse?
- Would more speed restrictions lead to confusion and clutter?
- How does behaviour need to change?
- What changes would we as a community like to see?

Our panel are members of Haslemere's Active Travel Group. We hope that we may also have an additional panel member to represent the healthcare benefits of increased active travel. The panel are passionate about this subject and recognise that there are opposing points of view. This is your chance to hear their arguments and express alternative points of view in a constructive and friendly environment.

Panel Chairman, former Society Chairman, David Smith will steer us through the discussion.



Introducing our panel

Clive Davidson

Clive has lived and worked in Haslemere for 25 years. He recently retired from a career as a freelance journalist. He helped found Transition Haslemere in 2008 and is currently its chair. A committed 'active traveller', he is also the chair of the Haslemere Active Travel Group.

Liz Burton

Liz joined Haslemere Vision in 2014, drawing on 25 years of experience in the communications industry to fill the role of Editor in the production of the Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan. She is now the Vice-Chair and continues to pursue issues raised by the Plan, in particular those relating to Biodiversity and Active Travel. A local mum of three, she has the rare distinction of having grown up in the area and is passionate about passing on a greener and more vibrant town to future generations.

Alastair Bayliss

Alastair moved to Haslemere 8 years ago. With a background in environmental sciences and IT, he has contributed to various community groups, most notably the Active Travel Group. He wants people young and old to be able to walk and cycle safely in Haslemere. Alastair is involved in the national '20 is plenty' campaign and is currently their political liaison for Surrey. His motto is 'be the change you want to see', and he believes passionately in working together for a future that is sustainable and offers prosperous and joyful community spaces.

Membership fees Following a benchmarking exercise we recently increased annual membership fees to £15 for single members and £25 for households. We have also decided to no longer offer life membership to new members. Existing life members of course retain their position.

New members are asked to renew their membership each year on 1 December and are encouraged to pay by standing order. In the past membership has been renewed on different dates and if this applies to you, please continue to make payment as before. We are not requiring members who pay by standing order to pay the new annual fee but if you would be willing to increase your annual payment this would be hugely appreciated.

If it has been your practice to pay your membership fee at the Annual General Meeting please bring your payment with you. If doing so, we can accept debit card payments or cash but would prefer not to receive cheques which today incur a £3 charge to process.