

Summary of BLCS AGM
25th March 2013
Cambridge

Carl Brown explained the issue of the accounts to the society and it was suggested that once Mark Wilson (Chair), Carl Brown (Treasurer) and Stephen Cowling (Secretary) had visited the bank to sort out the problems it would be possible for Carl to publish the accounts and send this to the society members (either direct email or publish on the website).

Nigel Mottram and Rachel Tuffin were voted to join the committee.

Mark Wilson presented the case for BLCS becoming an affiliated member of the ILCS. Helen Gleeson gave some background to the discussion. Verena Gortz revealed that the society would have a £50 per year membership fee and that BLCS would get to vote for their own representative on the ILCS committee. This issue was voted on by the society and there was strong support for this to proceed.

Tim Slukin presented the idea for a UK bid for the European Liquid Crystal Conference. This idea was discussed along with potential impact on the BLCS meeting. The following was proposed:

- Combine the BLCS with an ELC meeting.
- Run a 1 day BLCS meeting (there has been a precedent of this).
- Run a BLCS and ELC in the same year.

Also, if the UK were to bid to host an ELC – who would be members of the organizing committee?

- BLCS committee?
- Royal Society of Chemistry?
- Specially assembled organizing committee?

The society felt that this would be a very good idea but that it should not take place at the expense of BLCS. There was a slight majority in favour of a condensed BLCS meeting. The society felt that RSC may be very expensive but expressed no view over who should organize the bid. This is to be discussed at the BLCS committee meeting on 26th March.

The BLCS and German LCS are similar in size and ethos. The society felt that an Anglo-German meeting would be a good idea in principal. There were concerns over how this would be arranged and it was concluded that the committee would work on some ideas.