

## **British Liquid Crystal Society**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held April 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at HP Labs, Bristol.

1. Present: Martin Bates (Secretary), Avtar Matharu (Treasurer), Susanne Klein, Georg Mehl, Tim Wilkinson, Ingo Dierking, Peter Raynes, Owen Lozman, Sharon Jewell, Rob Richardson.

Apologies: Duncan Bruce (Chair), Corrie Imrie (Vice Chair).

Tim Wilkinson (Communications Officer), Rob Richardson and Susanne Klein (Ordinary Members) were welcomed (back) to committee.

2. Annual meeting 2010.

Georg Mehl will host the meeting in Hull. The Lawns have been provisionally booked, along with a lecture theatre. Costs are likely to be in the region of £160 for a student and £200 for a staff member / postdoc. Date: 29-31 March 2010.

3. Annual meeting 2011.

Carl Brown will be approached to invite him to host the meeting in Nottingham, as he was previously interesting in hosting the meeting in 2010 but had to pull out.

4. Winter Workshop 2009/10

The Workshop will run as normal. Mike Hird's recent proposal to the EPSRC to continue funding the Workshop will not be known until July 2009.

5. One day meetings.

Committee will sponsor one meeting in Autumn / Winter. Proposals received will be distributed by MAB end of July / early August.

6. MACRO 2010.

Ingo Dierking is hosting a one day symposium at the World Polymer Congress in Glasgow. There will be three keynote / invited speakers, Mark Warner has confirmed as a keynote. There is a clash with ILCC, and the exact date of the symposium has not yet been confirmed. If the symposium is at the start of the week, it may be possible to attend both. The registration process is not yet clear, especially whether it is possible to register for just one session. If the session is mid-week and it is clear that most people in the field will attend the ILCC rather than MACRO 2010, ID will need to make a decision whether to run the symposium with reduced numbers (making the field look small) or cancel.