

Quinssa AGM 2005 - response to questions raised for consideration by the committee.

At the 2005 AGM, a number of questions were raised by members and, for those for which an answer was not available on the day, the committee now wishes to publish its official response, see below:

Large scale events to attract large numbers of people to Quinssa – raised by Bev Willis

The committee has discussed this and is concerned at this stage about the financial risks involved. However, we have agreed to organise a spring ball (in conjunction with RLT) which we hope will attract non-Quinssa people as well as members.

Life membership

The committee has discussed this and feels that it is not appropriate at this stage, partly due to the accounting and administrative difficulties not only for the current committee but also for future committees.

Car sharing – raised by Peter Russell

A car sharing scheme is promoted in each issue of the Quinssa mailers and is administered by Simon Coleman.

Proxy voting – raised by Andy Scrutton

The Quinssa committee has discussed the possibility of having voting by proxy at the AGM and is sympathetic to the problems experienced by members who live a long way from the Twickenham Stoop and are unable to attend mid-week evening events

Whilst the committee believes that this suggestion was made for purely practical and well intentioned purposes, it does not feel it could support proxy voting for two reasons:

- It would be very difficult to administer, placing a burden on not only the current committee but also on future committees
- It could be open to abuse. Quinssa currently accepts a lot of membership subscriptions in cash and there would be therefore no way of knowing whether proxy votes are genuine. Only by people being physically present at the AGM does Quinssa know that they are genuine members.

Any member is, of course, free to raise proxy voting as a change to the constitution for the future.