

## **HSP Support Group AGM 2022 – Trustee Statements**

Trustees for the group need to be elected by members. This is done by a majority vote at the AGM. The minimum number of trustees is three, and the maximum ten. Under the constitution trustees are elected for a three year term. Dave Harris was elected at the 2019 AGM and has decided to stand for election again. The trustees have also appointed Emily Bell as a trustee, and she stands for election for the first time.

### **Emily Bell**

I recently had a conversation with Adam Lawrence over the phone regarding this role, why I was interested, and what I could bring to the table. Given my background with experience in mental health and my cousin, we both agreed that it would be really good if I could look to implement some sort of mental health support for families that are affected by HSP (both for the individual and others around them). I, of course, would also play a leading role as a trustee in supporting the meetings, membership and research committee by overseeing what they do and making sure it is done efficiently and successfully. I believe my past responsibilities would make me a sensible candidate for ensuring that grants, either given to members or researchers, are discussed thoroughly and given fairly. I am also very interested in the research side of things regarding the condition of HSP itself. Though I do not know very much at the moment, I am keen to expand my knowledge and I hope that, by being a trustee, this would give me the grounds and outlet to do so.

### **Dave Harris**

I have been Secretary since 2006 and have been able to contribute to the development of the HSP Group over that period.

In particular I have been involved in developing our Member Grant system and in administering it for the Group. As a Trustee I'm involved in the development of the group and we all try to ensure we are developing it in the way our members wish. For much of the period also I managed the Groups Web Site and have now passed that task on to Jenni Preston who has redeveloped the site and brought it up-to-date. I now am responsible for chairing our Web Site committee, where John, myself and Jenni take the decisions needed to keep the site relevant to our needs. As Secretary I participate in and prepare minutes of our Trustee Meetings.

If elected this year I would see myself continuing with these tasks on behalf of the members and also that of handling the miscellaneous queries which come from the web site "Contact Us" page.