

Item 8 - *Phanzine* format - E-*Phanzine*

PHANZA has been grappling informally with the prospect of moving to a paperless *Phanzine* for some time. It has reached the point where this matter ought to be put to the wider membership and your committee intends to do that.

That consultation will take the form of a question to the membership at some point before the first *Phanzine* is published next year. The reason we are raising this matter at the AGM is because the outcome of this consultation could have a direct bearing on whether we raise the subscription for the first time in the organisation's history. That is the next item on the agenda. So this paper sets out the implications of a move to an E-*Phanzine*.

Firstly, what are the benefits and downsides of such a move?

Pros

- No more volunteer time spent labelling and envelope stuffing.
- No specific page length required e.g. 8, 12 or 16 pages to fit in *Phanzine's* A4 format.
- No printing costs (\$2670 per annum).
- No postage/stationery costs (\$900 per annum).

Cons

- No paper copy.
- Useless for anyone who doesn't have an internet connection or isn't on-line in any way.

A saving of nearly \$3600 is significant. Together with the website, which incurs costs more irregularly, *Phanzine* is the most costly annual item. We assume there are still members without an internet connection, but if that number is tiny then it may be appropriate to proceed to a paperless *Phanzine*.

If we choose not to produce a paper copy of *Phanzine* we would not need to raise subscriptions.

We welcome discussion on this matter and if appropriate, a non-binding resolution by the AGM.

Michael Kelly

President

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