Bailgate U3A Committee Meeting 8th January 2024

PRESENT Tony Wass (TW) - Chair Margaret Chegwidden (MC) - Business Secretary Dave Hunt (DH) - Treasurer Derek Cottrell (DC) Website Manager Angela Pullen (AP) - Group Co-Ordinator Chris Elsmore (CE) Membership Secretary Melody Cottrell (Mel) Jill Allen (JA) - Minutes Secretary

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING held 12th December 2023 - Approved.

ITEMS FROM MINUTES

- a) XMAS agreed it was a success. Next time start selling tickets in September.
- b) NEW CONSTITUTION <u>Action</u>: **MC** to email membership attaching DC's explanatory email, in readiness for voting at the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT CE has handouts for Reception, showing the new membership fees and detailing the payment methods. 2024/5 fees to be requested from now, to encourage payment before 31st March.

All members to complete a new Application Form to ensure up to date details. Discussed ways of informing non-email members of the AGM details (a legal requirement). Forms could be handed out at Reception and held by Group Convenors to hand to members. <u>Action:</u> a) **CE** to provide TW with names of members who do not have emails. b) **MC** to enclose the Application Form with her email circular, requesting its return before the AGM either to a Group Convenor or at a monthly meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Bank balance at 31st December: £1248.13. No outstanding bills.

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT Our Vegan/Vegetarian Cookery Group blog has not yet appeared on the National blog. AP is monitoring.

Drawing Group and Book Group both need more attendees. <u>Action</u>: **TW** to announce at the monthly meeting. Those interested to contact AP.

<u>Action</u>: **AP** is attending the U3A Neighbourhood Group Meeting next week. She will advise them of our revised membership fee structure - ie anyone attending a Bailgate activity group or monthly meeting must be a member of Bailgate U3A. She will also ask them for details of any possible Speakers.

BUSINESS SECRETARY'S REPORT No changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE Replacements will be needed for Committee members in April, including Chair, Speaker-Finder, Treasurer, and Website Manager. Between 5 and 15 committee members are required, each able to serve a maximum 9 years. <u>Action</u>: **TW** to ask for volunteers at next monthly meeting.

TW suggests the committee should have Assistants for key roles.

AP reported all neighbourhood groups have difficulty in finding volunteers for committee roles. <u>Action</u>: **TW** to contact Chair of Skellingthorpe U3A to discuss possible amalgamation with them.

Next Meeting Monday 12th February 2pm