

Monthly Meeting 19 April 2018

The Chair welcomed 168 attendees which included 16 guests.

- Members were reminded that all members had until the end of the month to renew membership. It was important that members in groups renewed to ensure that they were covered for insurance cover. It was also expressed that it was only fair that all group participants were paid up members. Group Convenors should check membership cards and highlight in their group registers that members held the new 2018-19 membership status. This process had been requested of the Convenors at the Spring Convenors meeting.
- The members of the existing executive committee were then invited up onto the stage. Graham Jermyn (Vice Chairman) addressed the audience stating that the present committee would be losing five members at the AGM in June. To demonstrate this change those members were then asked to leave the stage leaving a reduced team. Although those retiring members received a round of applause the vice chair emphasised that those remaining would struggle to deliver the same level of service that exists now to Beccles U3A.
- It was imperative that members come forward to offer their help as committee members or volunteers to support the continued running of Beccles U3A. The membership is again asked to contact any committee member to offer their services or to find out more about the running of the U3A.
- The Groups Coordinator (Paul Gurbutt) detailed the groups that were being put forward for launch at the New Groups Meeting on May 3rd at the Beccles Public Hall. these details are already gone listed on this web page.

Mu Gurbutt (Speaker Secretary) then introduced the Speaker for April - Jim Bacon