

## **Branston and District U3A Committee Meeting**

Minutes for the meeting held by Zoom on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2.00pm

Present: John Tyerman ( Chair), Janet Foster, Garry Selson, Elaine Johnson, Chris Hodson, James Hewson, Rick Smok, Mary Corbould, Heather Sharpe

**1 Apologies:** Brian Sentence

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting** – accepted

**3 Matters Arising** – none

### **4 Chair's Report**

A U3A Facebook Group called Getting Together is now available to all member to join. It is a closed group ( U3A only ). John will send out the link to all members and if they wish to join it, then they can.

### **5 Treasurer's Report**

No activity on the main account during September. Cheque issued to James Hewson for £57.56 to cover 4 months Zoom licence. £184 paid into the social account on behalf of the croquet club.

### **6 Membership Secretary's Report**

No new members, no movement.

### **7 Group Coordinator's Report**

No group meetings yet held

### **8 Programme Secretary's Report**

No meetings, nothing to report

### **9 Website Manager's Report**

Members were asked about holding monthly meetings by Zoom. Five positive replies only received. A speaker has been in touch saying he is able to give a Zoom meeting at £60. After much discussion, it was decided that the November monthly meeting and possibly the January should be held via Zoom. Janet to look on the Facebook group website for possible speakers on general subjects to appeal to majority of members. James will give forward notice in his weekly e-mails and John will, once a speaker has been arranged, e-mail all members with the link to join Zoom. James said that the new Housestyle website has been updated with the new u3a logo. Beacon meetings have all been cancelled. Garry to be introduced to Beacon ready for his new role. Sunday e-mails still going well and popular with members.

### **10 The Way Forward**

**Croquet-** E-mails have been received about the format of The Croquet Club.

Majority of the members want to still be in the u3a Croquet Club, which plays on a Monday. Branston Club will play the rest of the week.

After much discussion, over equipment, assets, cost of lawn fees, how it will operate etc, it was decided that the best way forward would be for 2 or 3 committee members and 2 or 3 croquet club members to meet together in a room to discuss all details. John will e-mail the Croquet Club.

**Walking Group** Garry suggested because of Covid, running health walks, about 3 miles long, of groups of 6 or less people following all Government guidelines and risk assessments. The five mile walking group does not yet wish to meet up. An online booking system could be arranged. He will look into it

James asked if smaller groups like photography and creative writing could meet. John said if risk assessments and guidelines were followed, then there would not be a problem.

#### 11 **A Virtual AGM -Results**

There were 142 replies received.

140 positive, one member abstained, one member did e-mail but did not answer the questions asked

The present committee therefore has legally been elected.

#### 12 **Other Reports -**

Village Hall now open. 42 people only allowed in, no catering allowed.

Regional Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom

#### 13 **Keeping in Touch**

James to continue with his weekly e-mails to members

#### 14 **Any Other Business** – none

#### 15 **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 3.20pm