

Branston and District U3A Committee Meeting 15th June 2021

Present: Garry Snelson (Chair), Janet Foster (Treasurer), Chris Hodson, Mary Corbould, John Tyerman, Rick Smok, Brian Sentance, Heather Sharpe (Minutes)

1. Apologies – none

2. Minutes of the previous meeting -accepted

3. Chair's Report

Bill Green has volunteered to represent the U3A on the Village Hall Committee. Gary will thank him for that.

4. Treasurer's Report

Accounts presented by Janet and attached

Invoice for PAT testing has been received. Capitation and Gift aid invoices not yet received.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

One new member has joined since last meeting.

6. Group Co-ordinator's Report

Rick said the PAT testing has been completed and the certificate has been received.

The 33 Music Club has now closed.

He has not heard from the Cycling Club group and has temporarily closed it down.

The Original Walking Group is hoping to restart on 1st July.

He has asked convenors to put their club details onto Beacon.

6.1 Update on Convenors attending a meeting with the Chair – after the recent government announcement re Covid restrictions, Rick will check on the number of people allowed in the Pavilion. If all OK, then the meeting will go ahead. If not, then the meeting will have to be postponed.

7. Programme Secretary's Report

Chris reported that because of the present Covid restrictions the June 22nd meeting will now be on Zoom rather than face to face. Andrea White will present a talk on Africa.

The meeting on 27th July already has a speaker, Ian Gunn, arranged and hopefully this meeting will go ahead. Garry suggested tables of 6 to socialize with refreshments before the speaker starts. Also hopefully to be connected via Zoom for members who cannot attend in person.

September meeting – Lives. October meeting – Canadian Collection and November, hopefully, Hanson Chocolates.

It was agreed that the December meeting will be a fish and chips meal with a speaker talking about Swallow Workhouse. Payment to be made in full for the meal, numbers to be finalized Oct/Nov.

8. Website/Data Managers Report

James reported that Beacon e-mails are still playing up.

9. KIT/Newsletter

James still willing to do this. He will ask again for an Equipment Officer and Secretary in the newsletter and also a convenor for the Cycling Group as Mary has had to relinquish her duties for this.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Fobs for Branston Bollards. The u3a will need two fobs for each site, the Pavilion and the Recreational Hall.

It is understood that the bollards will be down on certain times of the day and can be remotely operated morning and evening.

Banners

Discussion was held regarding a banner to advertise Branston u3a. It was decided to opt for a sail flag, wording yet to be decided. The sail flag, which would be easy to assemble and put up cost £60-£80 each. It was agreed to buy two flags.

James to send out an e-mail to comment on the wording to be put on them.

Rick suggested that once we are up and running again, to take out a full page advert in The Sheepwash Times as well.

Nothing has been heard re the July 6th group meeting at Navenby.

John still getting e-mail re general enquiries about speakers. This will be passed onto the Programme Secretary.

A suggestion was made about a visit to the new Air Ambulance Centre at Waddington.

Garry suggested changing the name of Convenors to Group leaders which sounds more friendly. Further discussion at the next committee meeting.

11. Date of the next Committee meeting- Tuesday 20th July at 7.00pm in the Pavilion

The meeting closed at 3.08 pm