



AGM held at Slitting Mill Village Hall on 12th April 2022

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Sheila Simpson and Maggie Causer. 43 members were in attendance.

2. Minutes of last AGM on 10th August 2021.

The minutes and accounts had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. All agreed it was a true record. Proposed Hedley James, seconded David Clissold. All agreed. Those Members who didn't receive a copy will be emailed a copy ASAP.

3. Chairperson Report.

After being unable to meet for 18 months and becoming used to being in lockdown, it was so good to be able to come back to CCU3A last summer and to meet up with old friends again. Sadly we lost a few former members who decided not to return due to the pandemic and it's legacy, but we have also welcomed many new members since we started up again. Members of the committee attended an event called 'Cannock Chase Can' held in Brereton in early April where we generated a lot of interest, so we hope to see many more new members in the near future.

Cannock Chase U3A would be unable to function without its dedicated committee members and group leaders so I would like to express my thanks to them for their hard work in enabling us to be up and running again and pretty much back to normal. I would also like to thank you, our members, for your continued support. We would welcome any Members wishing to propose and possibly run any new groups so please see me or one of the other committee members if you have any ideas.

Dianne. X

4. Treasurer Report.

The Treasurer gave an in-depth report covering the last 12 months and explained that groups were not breaking even because of the increase in hire fees, Speakers costs etc. If this was to carry on CCU3A finances would deplete and have grave implication leading to a reduction in what CCU3A could offer its members. The Treasurer recommended group fees should be increased to £2 each from 1st May. The Chair asked the meeting to vote on the increases, proposed Bryn Wellings, seconded David Clissold, All agreed. The balance of the money as of 31st December 2021 was £4992.00 C/A £4685.88 D/A. See attached accounts. The accounts were accepted proposed Julie Bould and seconded Hedley James. All agreed.

5. Membership Report.

- As of March 2022 there are 147 members listed. The membership Secretary informed the meeting that some of the older Members have not returned as but there has been a lot of new members.

6. Group Reports.

Each of the Leaders of the Interest Groups gave a short report. To view the reports in full please refer to CCU3A Web Page and a Newsletter will be circulated ASAP. .

7. Election Of Committee

The Chairperson read through the list of Committee Members and said there were no new nominations so there was no change of committee members except sadly Mitch Salomonson has resigned due to ill health, thanks were expressed for all her work in the past. The Chair asked the members to vote the committee en-bloc. Proposed Carol Howard, seconded Julie Bould. All agreed.

Chairperson. Ms Dianne Hooper.

Vice Chair. Mrs Maureen Leeson.

Treasurer. Mr. Robert Leeson.

Membership. Ann Round.

Secretary. Mrs Valma Cooper.

Committee members. Barry James, Maggie Causer, Sheila Simpson, Pauline di Pretoro. Carol Howard, Angela Alison.

8. Future Events

Mrs Cooper reminded Members about the coach trip to Kew Gardens in June and the coach trip to Hampton Court in September. Mrs Leeson gave the date for the Christmas lunch at Beaudesert Golf Club on 8th December and told members about a new group at Hednesford Library to make jewellery. All details on the webpage and Newsletter.

9. A.O.B/Questions

- Mr Hedley James asked if any member knew of any free rooms available, he explained the free room at the Community Fire Station has been withdrawn. Unfortunately no one knew of any.
- A question was asked if the Membership subscription should be increased. The Treasurer explained that we had increased the Membership subscription fairly recently, but in fact an increase doesn't really benefit CCU3A as a large proportion of the subscription goes to the Third Age Trust, and to pay for the free magazine. It's the day to day costs that need to met by the increase in group fees.
- It was asked if members could opt out of receiving the Magazine. The Membership Secretary explained it was difficult to cancel but she would make enquiries and perhaps Members could opt out after renewing their Membership in September.
- A Members asked why all groups aren't charged £1 as other U3A do. It was explained the committee had discussed this issue at length and decide those groups who don't incur expenses, I,e walking, cycling, gardening, luncheon group will not be asked to pay.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

The Next AGM will be April 2023.

Valma Cooper
CCU3A Secretary.