

Cestria u3a at Chester-le-Street
Committee Meeting No.87 held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 in the Eardulph
Room at the Parish Centre, Chester le Street.

Those present: Robert Berry - Chairman, Tony Morrell, Margaret Pescod, Kathleen Atkinson, Margaret Bozic, Rachel Burton, Margaret Chilver, David Easton, Angela Hamilton, Anne Lanigan, Christine Logan, Trevor Rogers, Pat Rule, Maureen Weston.

Apologies for Absence: None

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- Approved and signed off by Robert Berry.

Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda:

- None

Review of GDPR:

- No issues arising.

Review of Monthly Attendance:

- Numbers averaging at 25% of membership at about 60 per meeting.
- How do we attract members both new and old to Cestria?
 - Cornerstones will be approached to advertise Cestria u3a.
 - Consider a Face Book account.
 - Continue with posters and word of mouth.
 - Improve website. Discussion with website coordinator, Ray Logan as to what is possible.

M.W.

Chairman's Report:

- Trustees Annual Report was agreed and accepted by the committee. This will be circulated to the membership.
- The A.G.M. to be held at the February meeting will follow the same format as always.
- Trevor Rogers is stepping down from the committee. Thank you for your contributions of the years.
- Rachel Burton has agreed to join the committee and together with Maureen Weston will both become full committee members after the AGM.
- Voting required will be for:
 - The appointment of the Auditor for 2023 Accounts

Treasurer's Report:

- The 2022 accounts have been audited by Lyn Bossons and approved by the committee.
- The current bank balance is £5342 with £801 referring to cash received for events in 2023.
- The budget for 2023 discussed and approved based on a membership of 173.
- There is expected to be a slight loss in the year of ~£500. Membership fees and attendance fees can't be reduced unless membership increases.
- Cornerstones' charges are very reasonable and there are no other venues in Chester-le-Street which offer all their facilities.

- Gift aid was discussed but as no one will take on the personal liability associated with the job it will not be implemented at Cestria.
- Thank you to Tony and Lyn for their work preparing these accounts.

Secretary's Report:

- The Christmas event was a great success. Thank you to Maureen and Margaret for all their efforts.
- The "White Card" will be produced for 2023. The cost is £38 for 200 cards and will be ready to hand out from March 2023.
- Group Leaders will be contacted in February to ensure all attending their groups are paid up members and a gentle reminder given about Risk Assessment.

Membership Secretary's Report:

- Currently 177 members have renewed for 2023 and 34 are still outstanding.
- 22 people have resigned. This is in line with previous years.
- There have been 2 new members in 2023 with more in the pipeline.

Speaker Secretary's Report:

- The speaker list for 2023 is complete.
- Expressed concern over current problems at Cornerstones with lack of sound system. This is beyond our control and external equipment is not allowed at Cornerstones.

Group Coordinator's Report:

- No current group coordinator.
- Some concern over Group Leaders which is still to be resolved. **M.P.**
- Angela Hamilton is the new group leader for the Midweek Walks.
- Potential to restart the Bridge Group in the coming months. **M.W.**
- Scrabble has now disbanded.

A.O.B.:

HISTORY WARDROBE

- All 100 tickets have now been allocated to Cestria, Houghton-le-Spring and Wessington. No takers from either Washington or Washington Village.
- H-I-S has paid and Cestria will start to collect money immediately.

EVENTS

- More walks are in the pipeline and details will be sent near the time **M.B.**

Meeting closed at 11.45am.

Next meeting 10.00am Wednesday 19th April 2023 in the Eardulph Room at the Parish Centre, Chester le Street.

Signed:

Dated:
