

**Cestria u3a at Chester-le-Street**  
**Committee Meeting No.86 held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 in the Eardulph**  
**Room at the Parish Centre, Chester le Street.**

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Margaret Bozic.

**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. A suggestion was made to change starting times but was discounted.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Nothing to report. Cestria is in par with other u3a's as regards to membership and involvement from members.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The current bank balance is £2700 and is expected to remain in the black for the rest of the year.
- Expenses remain in line with 2022 budget.
- There are no known increases in 2023 costs yet of membership fees will remain at £15 for 2023.

**Secretary's Report:**

- December meeting will be free to members with cash donations given to the Foodbank.
- Coffee and Mince Pies will be provided as usual. 70 to be ordered from Cornerstones. **R.B.**
- The collection of membership fees will begin in November and payment will continue to be by Bank Transfer. Emails and letters will go out at the end of October.
- The Treasurer agreed the 40p cheque cover charge will not apply to membership renewals.
- Advertising posters to be put on Face Book and outlying public places.

**Membership Secretary's Report:-**

- Currently 228 members with 4 new members since July and three resignations.

The zoom meeting for Membership Secretaries suggested Hybrid meeting were the way forward. Cestria will not be adopting hybrid meetings due to technical issues.

- Membership cards were considered not necessary. Cestria to continue sending a welcome letter to new members together with their membership card and Interest Group list.

#### **Speaker Secretary's Report:**

- The speaker list for 2023 is progressing well.
- Richard Taylor from the Pelton Ukulele group has been approached as has the u3a Singing Seniors.
- The singers will perform 13 songs with words on a PowerPoint (36 minutes) and Ukulele group currently performing 10 (about 30 minutes)
- Confirmation of final content from Ukulele group still required. **M.W.**

#### **Group Coordinator's Report:**

- No current group coordinator and nothing new to report. No one has come forward to suggest or volunteer to run a new group.

#### **A.O.B.:**

##### HISTORY WARDROBE

- Preparations for the History Wardrobe event next year are well under way.
- The chosen talk from Lucy Adlington is:
  - Monday is Wash Day
- Date is 14th March 2023.
- Cost £690 plus £80 travel.
- Buffet £5 per head – 100
- Room hire costs £63 per half day. Two rooms required.
- Total cost £1,396.
- Sell tickets at £15 per person.
- Some confusion over total number Cornerstones can cater for, but 100 seems to be the consensus. To be clarified. **P.R.**
- Cestria, Washington, Wessington, Washington Village, Houghton-le-Spring each to be allocated tickets with any unsold tickets been used by Cestria.
- Cestria members can pay by Bank Transfer/Cheque as normal but the other groups will be asked for one cheque payment together with the detailed list of ticket holders.
- Contact with the Network Partners to advertise this event will take place soon. **R.B.**

##### NEWSLETTER

- Prepare a Christmas edition which also includes membership renewal information. **C.L.**

##### SUCCESSION PLANNING

- Our current chairman – Robert Berry has announced he will stand down at the A.G.M. in February 2024.
- No-one from the current committee has volunteered to take over and so far no-one from the members have come forward either. The personal approach to someone is better than waiting for someone to volunteer.
- As a registered charity we cannot continue without a Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.

- If no-one comes forward by July 2023 steps will have to be taken to wind down the group. No speakers can be booked for 2024 nor can membership subscriptions be collected.

**Meeting closed at 11.45am.**

**Next meeting 10.00am Wednesday 18th January 2023 in the Eardulph Room at the Parish Centre, Chester le Street.**

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