

u3a CRAWLEY
Registered Charity No. 1029004

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held by Zoom
Friday 12th February 2021

Present: George Redgrave (Chair), Jim MCGough (Vice Chair), Alan Pay (Business Secretary), Phil Light (Treasurer), Peter Beckley (Groups Coordinator) Jean Elmer (Events Coordinator), Jan Morris (Communications), Ann and Stewart Sole (Membership Secretaries) and other Crawley u3a members: Total attendance: 78 members

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

George welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was quorate. Apologies were received from Pat Johnstone, David and Margaret King, Elsa Tancock, Ken Wickes, Ingrid Payne, Sue Snelling, Sheena Lillywhite, Jean Austen

George thanked everyone for attending, Group Leaders for their efforts to keep things going and Jan Morris for keeping everyone informed during lockdown. He offered particular thanks to Jean Elmer whose term of office as Events Coordinator had come to an end.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 8th November 2019

These were confirmed as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- a. Action to increase diversity
- b. Change of Group Leaders' title

Action on both of these had been curtailed by the lockdown. The Chair of the Crawley Interfaith group is a member of our Facebook page. Both items would be considered in the future.

4. Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year to 31 July 2020

Nominated: Max Woodward

Seconded: Maureen Wickes

Agreed

5. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts – ASBA Accounting

Nominated: Gill Cooban

Seconded: Max Woodward

Agreed

6. Election of Officers

Chair: George Redgrave, **Vice Chair:** Jim McGough, **Business Secretary:** Alan Pay
Treasurer. Phil Light

Nominated: Audrey Gwynne

Seconded: Jean Manuel

Agreed

7. Election of Committee Members

- a. Membership Secretary.** Ann and Stuart Sole

Nominated: Mavis Liddell

Seconded: Jean Manuel

Agreed

- b. Events Coordinator** No nominations received

- c. Communications Coordinator**

Nominated: Isabel Baker

Seconded: Maureen Wickes

Agreed

- d. Groups Coordinator.** Peter Beckley

Nominated: Isabel Baker

Seconded: Wendy Adams

Agreed

- 8. Volunteers for the role of Events Coordinator.** Jean gave a brief breakdown of the Events Coordinator role and asked for volunteers to consider taking on the role. It could be split between 2 people and need not involve a Committee role.

- 9. Volunteers for the role of Deputy Treasurer (non Committee).** Phil explained the role of Deputy Treasurer and asked for volunteers

10. Election of a President – Maureen Wickes

Nominated: Jean Elmer

Seconded: Isabel Baker

Agreed

11. Agreement to align the year ends of membership, groups and accounts

Proposed: Max Woodward

Seconded: Mavis Liddell

Agreed

12. Agreement that at future AGMS voting can be done in advance of the meeting.

The proposal was to invite all members to vote in advance of the AGM which would enable all members to participate in the democratic process. Some reservations were expressed

Proposed: Peter Beckley

Seconded: Jan Morris

In favour: 31. The proposal was NOT agreed.

Members were asked to consider alternative voting methods to ensure inclusivity especially if future meetings were held virtually.

13. AOB

- a. U3a day.** The National u3a day will be held on Wednesday 2nd June to showcase members' stories and experience in the u3a. While it is hoped we can have some sort

of physical presence in the town centre we also have to plan for a virtual celebration. Volunteers are needed to join a small working group to discuss these plans.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 15.05 followed by an entertaining talk on Ecuador by Ann Sole

Attendees		Ould Maureen	
		Pay Alan	
Baker Isabel		Peters John and Alison	
Baker Roger		Redgrave George	
Chatterjee Isabella		Rigby Pauline	
Beale Sheila		Robinson Colin	
Beckley Peter		Robinson Kim & Elizabeth	
Berrill Maggie		Sansom Sally	
Binns Pam		Shropshire Sue	
Bridge Andy and Judy		Simpkins Ann & Chris	
Buften Maureen		Skeggs Ros (and Bryan)	
Cartwright Peter		Sole Ann & Stewart	
Champ Celia		Thorn Anne	
Connell Jenny		Toll Trudie	
Cooban Gill		Waterworth Win	
Crippen John		Watts Ron and Mary	
Daniels Margaret		Weddell Bob and Margaret	
Dawkins Maureen		Wicks Maureen	
Elmer Jean		Wilson Pam	
Evans Ruth		Woodward Max & Heather	
Fenwick Sue		Saunders Peter and Sandra	
Finlay Anne		Paton Wendy	
Foster June		Handy Sylvia	
Galloway Pamela and Mr phone		Daniels Davina	
Greenland Patsy &		Newson Janet	
Graham Valerie		O'Dell Doreen	
Gwynne Peter and Audrey			
Hathaway Dave & Jill			
Hawkins Linda			
Humphrey June			
Jameson Kathy			
King Brenda			
Lascazar Pamela			
Leedale Sheila			
Liddell Tony & Mavis			
Light Phil			
Manuel Jean		Apologies	
Mathieson Anne		Pat Johnstone	
May Lesley		David and Maggie King	
McGavin Imogen		Elsa Tancock	
McGough Jim		Ken Wickes	
McKensie Jackie		Ingrid Payne	
Miller Pat		Sue Snelling	
Morris Jan & Clive		Sheena Lillywhite	
Newble Sheila		Jean Austin	