



Registered Charity name and Number: Crawley University of the Third Age, No. 1029004

A member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated members' association (commonly known as Crawley u3a)

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 10th November 2023

1. Welcome and Introduction from the Chair
2. Tributes. A minute's silence to remember ex-members who have died during the past year
3. To receive and approve the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11th November 2022
4. To receive and approve the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023
5. Questions from the floor
6. To vote on the resolution to amend clause 10(1) of the Constitution so that only Membership fees (and not group fees) are covered at the recently instituted annual fee setting meeting in June/July
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7. Election of Officer Trustees (see [page 3](#) for nominations):
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
8. Election of Other Trustees (see [page 3](#) for nominations):
 - Communications Coordinator
 - Groups' Coordinator
 - Members' Coordinator
9. Need for more volunteers
10. Presentations to Volunteers standing down and acknowledgement of long-term members
11. Presentation of Smart Phone Photographic prizes
12. AOB by permission of the Chairman

Tea will be served alongside slide show "Crawley u3a Highlights of 2022/23"

Agenda Item 6: Resolution to amend Paragraph 10.1 of the Constitution

Current Wording:

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Proposed Wording

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Proposed by the Trustees of Crawley u3a

Supporting Statement

Since the 2022 Constitution was approved there have been some significant changes both to the mix of activity groups being offered and the financial policies. Activity Groups are now split across three categories: Home-based, Room-based, and Outdoor, Sporting & Special Interest. Groups within this third category are characterised by a wide variety of delivery and associated costs and Group leaders set their own fees in consultation with the Treasurer. Room based groups which choose to meet at venues more expensive than the default St Pauls venue are also permitted to charge higher fees than the minimum £2.00 group fee if otherwise they would incur a loss.

In short, the concept of “one size fits all” no longer applies in relation to the setting of Activity Group fees and it is now felt to be more efficient and appropriate the policies and levels of group fees to be discussed with and approved by the Group Leaders (GLs) rather than by all members. The number of GL meetings will be increased to three a year, with one held at a suitable point during the summer to discuss the group fee setting arrangements for the next financial year.

There is no move away from the principle that, overall, activity groups must pay for themselves. Thus the set of fees agreed by GLs for Groups should have no implication for the level of Membership fees, which will continue to be subject to members’ approval at an open meeting in June or July.

Agenda Items 7 & 8: Election of Trustees

Nominations received by the deadline of 31st October 2023

Position	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
Officer Trustees			
Chair	Jim McGough	Dave Hathaway	Isabel Chatterjee
Vice Chair	No Nominations Received		
Secretary	Margaret Lloyd	Ana Achucarro	Karen Darling
Treasurer	Graham Friday	Julie Neale	Maureen Wicks
Other Trustees			
Communications Coordinator	Sue Parker	Wendy Adams	Maureen Bufton
Members Coordinator	Jacqueline Mercer	Ann Sole	Stewart Sole
Groups Coordinator	Janet Newson	Vera Green	Alison Peters
Events Coordinator(s)	No Nominations Received		
Systems Coordinator	No Nominations Received		
Migration Webmaster	No Nominations Received		