

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Croxley Green U3A  
held on Wednesday 17 April at 2pm in St Oswald's Church Hall**

**1.0 Apologies for absence:**

Apologies have been received from: **Bob Holbrook, John Smallbone and Peter Watson.**

**2.0 Minutes of 2018 AGM:**

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Vicky Holbrook and seconded by Mary Southey. The vote was passed by a show of hands nem.con

**3.0 Appointment of tellers to count votes**

No proposals having been submitted, it was not necessary to appoint tellers.

**4.0 Chairman's report**

2018 was a good year for our U3A. We had the largest number of members since the formation in 2009. However since January 2019 the number has dropped back to approximately 280 but all the current activity groups continue to flourish and there may be another new group starting soon (watch this space !)  
Once again we want to acknowledge all the hard work and effort of the leaders and helpers of the interest groups and to give them our thanks. Without their work we would not have a U3A in Croxley Green!

As you will be aware Sue Kinvig is standing down as Interest Group co-ordinator having completed three years in that role. We want to thank Sue for all her efforts in co-ordinating and supporting the interest groups and their leaders. Fortunately Gerry Clark has been willing to be nominated as Sue's replacement on the committee and I am hopeful that you will elect her and the rest of the committee when we get to item 9 on the agenda!

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of the committee for their efforts on behalf of our U3A. Being Chairman is an easy role if there are those around you who are all getting on with their specific roles and allotted tasks.

Following the succession planning pattern set up during the time when Margaret Cox was Chairman, each year only a small proportion of the committee has to stand down. This means there will always be a good level of continuity as well as the opportunity for fresh input. There are four officer roles on the Executive Committee - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The first three may serve for only three consecutive years but the Treasurer may serve for up to six years. I will have served my three years this time next year!

The next few paragraphs repeat what I said last year because they continue to be relevant.

We are concerned about equal opportunities for all and particularly for access to activities for those with sensory or physical restrictions. Please speak to Netti Smallbone if you have particular issues or if you feel you can help by providing transport or in other ways, even if only occasionally. We are very pleased and grateful that St Oswald's Church has installed a Loop system in the hall. Hopefully that has been of some benefit to those with hearing loss.

The Third Age Trust continues to run excellent summer schools and we are keen to support any of our members who would like to attend one of these. We will provide a £100 subsidy for each of the first two members who sign up this year.

As you know the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into force on 25 May last year (2018). Thank you for giving your written permission for the U3A to keep your basic data for use within the organisation. Hopefully we will not have any major administration issues to deal with during 2019 but who knows!

For those of you who have been able to attend the monthly meetings I hope, like me, you have enjoyed the variety of interesting talks we have had during the year. Thanks to Mary for organising our guest speakers.

And finally, please wear your name badge to all U3A meetings and remember to switch your phone to silent in meetings. Please look regularly at the website and keep Pete Coulson (Webmaster) informed of any changes that need to be made.

With very best wishes for another enjoyable year but please remember if you have any thoughts or ideas as to how we can do things better, speak to any of the committee or a group leader or use the suggestion box which is available at all the monthly meetings.

*Paul Wray, Chairman*

## **5.0 Matters arising from Minutes of last AGM**

Webmaster Pete Coulson said at the end of this year he would be facilitating a change of password for 2020.

## **6.0 Examined accounts for 2018**

The meeting was reminded that the Examined accounts for 2018 are available for perusal on our local website, along with the Trustees' report, Margaret Cox noted that no sum had been included in the Accounts from Gift Aid. Treasurer Nick Smyth said the processed money had arrived only in January, so the item would appear in next year's report. Nick said there was no need to raise the membership fee at the moment.

## **7.0 Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Michael Hart having agreed to continue, his election was proposed by Robert Simpson and seconded by Geoff Cox. The proposal was passed nem.con.

## **8.0 Proposed motions**

There were no proposed motions.

## **9.0 Election of Management Committee**

The meeting was informed that Sue Kinvig was standing down as Interest Group Co-ordinator and Gerry Clark was willing to take on the role. Gerry was elected nem.con. All other members of the Committee were also elected nem.con.

## **10.0 Any other business**

There was no other business.

The formal proceedings were followed by a talk by Dave Luddington on the Red Cross and his work for the organisation. Chairman Paul Wray noted that Dave's talk had probably generated more questions than for any he could recall.