

Dulwich & District U3A Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting .

Monday 11th November 2019 at Sue's house 10-12.20pm

1. Present. Liz Day (LD, chair), David Beamish (DB), Roman Bednarz (RB) Rona Black (RoB), Sue Elias (SE), Helen Graham (HG, minutes), Joy Harris (JH), Sandra Tait (ST). **Apologies:** Neil Abrahams (NA), Verity Mosenthal (VM).

2. Review of Planned Agenda. LD added Art workshop and Booklet to Item 6.

3a Matters arising from 7.10.19.

Item 3. Delete "inappropriate" under medical research project. **Item 5.** Conveners meeting. It resulted in some email correspondence. **Item 7.** Open Meeting 14.10.19 Cllr Claire Holland could not attend and was replaced by Cllr Jane Pickard, (Lambeth). **Item 10.** Membership Secretary role. JH met ST as assistant membership secretary. Agreed ST to have access to membership list. JH to give ST list of members to send membership cards. JH asked to provide summary of her role for the DDU3A website. **Item 11.** New members' tea. New members sent hard copy invitation followed by email reminder. Ensure liaison with Angie Brown. **Secretary's role.** RB outlined role, includes placing amended minutes, newsletters, and other information on web; MailChimp sent by Caroline Knapp; link with 3rd Age Trust. **Action:** recruit delegate to represent DDU3A at London meetings x3 p.a.

3b. Feedback on D&D October monthly meeting. *The Green New Deal.* Good discussion and wide range of questions on roles and government involvement. **Open Meeting 13th Nov.** LD to announce Xmas Quiz on Dec 9th and Xmas Lunch Dec 16th. **Procedure for EGM at Open Meeting 13th Nov.** **Action:** DB to chair EGM, include explanation of reasons i.e. more protection for Trustees, need for management of Rosebery Lodge. Ask for amendments. Vote by show of hands-need majority of 1+. Followed by presentations by RM on Astronomy Group and Andrew Graham on "*Mysteries of the Moon*". HG to ask Andrew to introduce himself. Xmas lunch- RoB and HG to take orders.

**** 11 am - Remembrance Day. One minute silence observed by committee****

4. Feedback. 1st Nov. London Region AGM. RB attended. All U3A branches to adopt new constitution. U3A logo to change without 'University of 3rd Age' strapline. Reported total of over 1000 U3As branches nationwide. John Bent is London Region's Trustee. RoB attended annual meeting of Research Ctte and Research Ethics Ctte. RB reported on BEACON database system- new version being trialled.

5. U3A National Day 3rd June 2020. Plans in progress- aim to raise profile of U3A. Proposals for DDU3A include links with local dignatories; special group interest fair +/- AGM; aim to increase quality of U3A activities; ST suggested a "Brains Trust" meeting; aim to promote positive perception of older people. Consider Francis Peake Centre, Dulwich Park as venue.

Action: Discuss dates with Angie Brown (LD to liaise). Consider high profile guest speaker e.g. Jo Brand.

6a. Feedback on Dementia Awareness 15th Oct. RoB led this meeting with guest speaker Caroline Clipson of Linkage Southwark. 12 members attended. Emphasised that Southwark offers a good service for residents with dementia. Carers also need support.

6b. Forthcoming Art Workshop 28/11. Venue- Dulwich Picture Gallery, Linbury Room. 3 sessions: what we have studied, questions about what DPG offers, Rembrandt Light exhibition. Lore's Art history group is compiling and printing 100 copies of booklet on artists studied for above meeting.

Action: Cost of this publication paid from DDU3A funds because it is a learning tool. SE suggested encouraging other groups to take on similar projects as promotional material. Note- if in PDF format could go on web.

Action: Check copyright issues with art group publications; Advise VM of agreed funding up to £200 for publication.

7 Rosebery Lodge (RL). In response to letter by LD to Robert Roach, Head of Dulwich Park, about maintenance of RL, a formal response was received from Will Walpole, Head of Southwark Parks. Await decision of Southwark Council regarding taking on the Lease, verbally agreed after May 2020 AGM.

Cleaning of RL. RoB has investigated cleaning options and noted that most companies only provide weekly cleaning. **Action:** NA contacted Maggie's to request regular cleaning and costs, and await decision.

8. Future Meetings. See below. Propose AGM in May? Advantages discussed in having Interest Group Fair separate from AGM, preferably in Dulwich Village Hall.

9. Xmas Quiz preparation visit to Carnegie Hall. Agreed visit by LD and others on Dec 2nd to assess arrangements and sound and visual projection, refreshments. LD to arrange with Carnegie lets.

A.O.B. National Survey. RB reported he had selected a cross-section of 30 DDU3A members for a nationwide U3A survey of members.

Action. RB to contact selected members to forewarn and explain the selection process for the survey.

Open Meeting 13/11. DB agreed to write summary of talks and send to SE for publication in Newsletter.

DDU3A subscription fee excess: currently funds stand in excess of £20,000 despite lowering annual subscription fee. Suggestions for reducing this included: one year low subscription fee of £5; cover catering costs for convenor's events; give group conveners £100 for expenses' fund; post members a Spring Term Event Calendar up to Easter.

The meeting concluded at 12.20 pm. Next meeting 2nd Dec. 10.00 at Helen's.