

Minutes of the executive committee meeting 27th APRIL, 2018

Present: Liz Day (LD, chair) Roman Bednarz, for 45 minutes only (RB) Neil Abrahams (NA) (Lore Arthur (LA) Susan Elias (SE) Diana McInnes (DM): Caroline Knapp (CK) Helen Graham (HG)

Apologies: Chris Henry (CH); Mary Fyfe (MF) Rhona Black (RoB), Di Deudney (DD)

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Under 4. Advance notices for AGM: 21 days have to be given instead of 28 and 28 days for the consideration of motions for the AGM. Under 10. 556 members were noted at the time of the meeting.

2. Data Protection. RB presented a report which clarified a number of important points in view of recent legal changes. In the main our U3A has already good mechanisms in place. There is, however, the need to inform all members including all conveners of these changes. NA, RB, And DM agreed to look into the practical aspects involved and report back at the next meeting. Also, we need to make sure that printers of our booklets, who have complete address lists, do not use these for their own purposes.

3. Reporting back. The Open Meetings on March 23rd with Daniel Greenwich noted over 100 attendances and the Special Open Meeting in April 27th with Benny Dembitzer close to 100 were particularly well received as was Beth Taylor's pre-talk on the Oral History project of the Herne Hill Society.

The Special Open Meeting adopted the proposed changes to the Constitution (see previous Minutes) without any further discussion. This will mean that future changes to the Constitution will require votes of 50 members or 10%, whatever is the smaller.

4. Future Planning: The New Membership Teas will be held in the Francis Peak Centre in Dulwich Park on June 4 and September 20.

The AGM will be held in the Herne Hill Baptist Church on May 23, 2018. Currently no motions had been received. However, there will be a new membership secretary and a new treasurer. Also, there are sufficient nominations for membership of the executive committee. Further details with regard to group presentations at the AGM (Singing for Pleasure. Quiz, Genealogy), a video clip and questions for those present to be clarified at the next executive meeting on May 18. LD outlined a possible way of handling group discussions which was generally welcomed. LD to order clipboards for group discussion and questions to the panel at the end. LD to prepare three questions.

NA to circulate outcome of 2016 Membership Survey.

The Open meeting following the AGM on June 18 or 25 is on the Chelsea Physics Gardens and South London Botanical Institute.

The Open Meeting on 20th July with strawberries and cream will be held at Bell House. Further details to be discussed at next meeting. Possible speaker may be Ian McInnes. LD to clarify.

The proposed Interest Group Fair is likely to take place on September 12 or 13 in the Dulwich Village Parish Church. LD to investigate.

There is likely to be a new convenors' meeting in June (details to be confirmed)

5. Membership report: There are currently 573 members, 12 have not renewed but not all members have renewed yet and reminders will be sent out. There are also a number of pink membership cards to be sent out by post. DM will help with the addresses on spreadsheet.

6. Treasurer's report: The accounts for 2017-18 are in the process of being completed, and these will be given to a chartered accountant by the end of next week so that they will be ready to send out in advance of the AGM.

7. Interest group conveners: it was decided to hold only 2 conveners' meetings this because of the clash with the Interest Group Fair in September. The booklet will have to be ready by end of July for printing in August.

8. London Regional Meeting on April 20th: RB forwarded a report on planned activities including the London Region Summer School for wider distribution 31st of July to 2nd of August.

9. A number of study days are planned by the South East London Network and the London Region. These have been widely circulated.

There was no other business.