

Dulwich & District u3a Trustees Executive Committee Meeting (Final)

Thursday 10th June 10.15-12.15pm

Attended: Angie Brown (AB, Chair), Neil Abrahams (NA), David Beamish (DB), Ruth Colvin (RC), Jane Coupe (JC), Di Deudney (DD), Richard Elliott (RE), Helen Graham (HG, minutes), Helen Robertson (HR), Anne Sharpley (AS), Maggie Smith (MS), Sandra Tait (ST)

Agenda

1.	Apologies: Caroline Knapp (CP), Keith Ball (KB), Pam Cohen (PC)																																								
2.	Agree minutes of last meeting on 13th May, sent 3rd June. Actions. Two corrections to minutes, to forward to DB to place on website.	HG DB																																							
3.	Matter Arising not covered by agenda None																																								
4.	Agree Minutes of AGM held on 18th May, sent 3rd June. AS suggested improvements and added to the draft minutes, to be forwarded to Verity Mosenthal to check finance section. RE suggested finances should be kept separate in the minutes.																																								
5.	Standing item: Treasurer's update report Agreed monthly update of financial report needed. On April 1 st , total finances £7,488, on June 10 th £12,583. Subscriptions will be additional. AB requested that RC supply each TEC with a breakdown of our current financial positions so that it can be copied directly into the minutes.	RC																																							
6.	Standing item, Membership Secretary's update JC. Already sent. Members by status <table> <tr> <td>Current members</td> <td>588</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deceased</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lapsed</td> <td>105</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resigned</td> <td>42</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>738</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Current members by class <table> <tr> <td>Associate</td> <td>11</td> <td>(2%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carer</td> <td>2</td> <td>(0%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Concession</td> <td>7</td> <td>(1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual</td> <td>568</td> <td>(97%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>588</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <table> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td>118</td> <td>(20%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>250</td> <td>(43%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Email</td> <td>581</td> <td>(99%)</td> </tr> </table> All lapsed members were emailed or written to by Verity Mosenthal. After 3 reminders , if not paid they were removed from membership. In the last month, 10-12 new members had joined.	Current members	588		Deceased	3		Lapsed	105		Resigned	42		Total	738		Associate	11	(2%)	Carer	2	(0%)	Concession	7	(1%)	Individual	568	(97%)	Total	588		Male	118	(20%)	Female	250	(43%)	Email	581	(99%)	
Current members	588																																								
Deceased	3																																								
Lapsed	105																																								
Resigned	42																																								
Total	738																																								
Associate	11	(2%)																																							
Carer	2	(0%)																																							
Concession	7	(1%)																																							
Individual	568	(97%)																																							
Total	588																																								
Male	118	(20%)																																							
Female	250	(43%)																																							
Email	581	(99%)																																							

7	<p>Review of Quiz 18th May</p> <p>The Quiz went well. 53 of 79 members attending the AGM stayed for the Quiz. Quiz team were requested to supply more quizzes especially at Christmas and the next AGM.</p>	
8.	<p>Coffee Mornings (ST)</p> <p>There had been 9-10 Coffee Mornings during Lockdown. Attendance had been noted to decrease in the summer months.</p> <p>There had been only 2-3 New Members teas in Lockdown but will now restart. Some members had reported low mental health in Lockdown. HR emphasised how helpful Coffee Mornings and offering befriending have been in helping members. Members can be signposted for mental support in boroughs and from Age UK.</p> <p>Action.</p> <p>ST to restart Coffee Mornings in next 4 weeks, aim to recruit new members. ST to write article on this topic for Newsletter</p>	ST
9.	<p>Hearing Loss Group . Discussion paper sent (ST)</p> <p>ST reported a suggestion for a dedicated Newsletter for Hearing Loss and available help, possibly in September. RE suggested it might replace the mid-monthly newsletter. DD suggested adding Hearing Loss as a supplement to the main newsletter.</p> <p>Action.</p> <p>AB proposed forming a sub-committee Hearing Loss Group, chaired by ST, to consider help for members with hearing loss e.g. a half- day session and report back to TEC, or have an Open Meeting dedicated to Hearing Loss.</p> <p>NA suggested we invite a specialist on hearing loss from Guys ENT department to address the meeting.</p> <p>DB suggested including other issues e.g. mobility, visual loss. Max Fishel from SCID is monitoring access issues.</p> <p>Action. ST to write article for Newsletter on members with hearing loss.</p>	ST ST
10.	<p>SCID Minutes (sent)</p> <p>AB reported that she had asked PC to discuss with the SCID group how they would manage PC's clash of commitments which will prevent her from attending TEC. There was no news on this so AB will ask again.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>PC to report back after next week's SCID meeting.</p>	PC
11.	<p>Survey (RE)</p> <p>Action. RE to send out SCID survey to test anonymity and after that he will send it to the membership.</p>	RE
12.	<p>Newsletter (DD)</p> <p>General request for items to be submitted to the Newsletter team including photos. When sending in photos please ensure you have members agreement. AB, DD, and RE will be managing the Newsletter from now on, aiming for diversity.</p>	AB, DD, RE

13.	<p>Report on u3a Day (DB) & anyone else</p> <p>DB as convener of the D&Du3a Planning Group reported that the group had decided to have a u3a presence in a variety of localities, aiming to diversify. He reported most interest was at Dulwich Picture Gallery garden, and limited interest at Brockwell Park, Peckham, Windrush Square (Brixton) and Forest Hill Library. DB recommended that next year we hold an event at one venue only and offer a range of activities which we may need to book in advance, and suggested we consider an out of Dulwich venue. He also requested photos of u3a Day for the D&Du3a website and stressed the importance of consent of those on the photos for publication.</p> <p>AS suggested Half-Term Holiday is avoided next year when the older population is discouraged from visiting local parks.</p> <p>Decision/actions.</p> <p>NA to await feedback nationally on u3a Day before planning for 2022.</p> <p>DB agreed to write to all helpers on the day.</p> <p>DB and team were thanked for all their efforts on the day.</p>	DB NA DB
14.	<p>Website & Peer group (DB)</p> <p>Decision. DB to take over the management of D&D u3a website from SHD.</p>	DB
15.	<p>Speakers (NA)</p> <p>Decision. NA has taken on role of recruiting speakers. Needs 2-3 volunteers to help put together a programme for Autumn. MS and ST volunteered.</p>	NA
16	<p>Interest Group Coordinators feedback (HG)</p> <p>The 3 Interest Group Coordinators are Helen Graham, Caroline Knap, and Helen Robertson.</p>	DB
17	<p>Events – Jenny Mitchell & Lewisham libraries (MS)</p> <p>Decision. MS reported poet Jenny Mitchell has agreed to talk at Bell House and prefers small fee to presentation flowers.</p> <p>MS reported meeting Lewisham Libraries who expressed interest in a project to hold talks on recruitment of members for u3a and improving physical and mental well-being.</p> <p>D&D u3a held a Writers’ Workshop stall at Forest Hill Library on u3a Day.</p>	MS
18	<p>Opening-up subgroup feedback (AB)</p> <p>AB, NA, RE and HG met to discuss the process of unlocking from Lockdown. Advised to await announcement by Prime minister on 14th June about plans. Discussed insurance of DDU3a members and risk assessment of homes and gardens used for meetings. AB recommended a “light touch” approach to include hazards, members allergies, health and safety e.g. Covid vaccination.</p> <p>Action: Work in Progress.</p>	
19	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Action. RE to circulate a mail-chimp to members.</p> <p>NA. Requests update of new TEC members contact details. RE to do this</p> <p>Location of subsequent meetings: The Plough pub, Lordship Lane; Francis Peek Centre, Dulwich Park. Await announcement by Prime Minister.</p>	RE RE

	<p>AB asked for a new minute taker to replace HG. MS volunteered and NA volunteered when we were no longer using Zoom.</p> <p>AB. Keith Fortune was contacted. His group is offering an “IT clinic for Free”</p> <p>Date of next meeting Thursday 8th July 2021 at 10.15</p>	
--	--	--

Forthcoming D&D u3a meetings. Zoom

Monday 21st June. Open Meeting 2pm. Ian Gunn, ex-Prison Governor on “Organised Crime”.

Friday 2nd July. Open Meeting . Alex Wheatle “the Brixton Bard”.