

Dulwich & District U3A Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 3 December 2018 at Helen's home - 10.00am

Action

Present: Liz Day (LD, chair), Angie Brown (AB), Chris Henry (CH), Graham Ashton (GA), Helen Graham (HG), Joy Harris (JH), Melinda Tenant-Flowers (MTF), Neil Abrahams (NA, Minutes), Pamela Ruben (PR), Roman Bednarz (RB), Susan Elias (SE), Verity Mosenthal (VM).

Apologies: Diana McInnes (DM)

CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Item 5b Programme Booklet. Amend "April" to "September" to read:

"**Decision:** One a year for distribution in September, with an amendment insert produced in January 2019."

Review of Planned Agenda.

Add: Survey (NA); Mugs (SE)

1. Matters arising from Minutes of 08/10/18 (not covered by the agenda)

- a. Trustees signing: 2 still to do. (RB) to follow up.
- b. A grant of £200 from the Third Age Trust had been applied for, for running an Open Day. This had been resubmitted by Roman. Follow up (RB/VM).
- c. 0800 phone number. Complications had arisen. RB looking at it. (RB)
- d. Brixton Prison. CH, AB, DM were to meet the Governor of the prison on 4/12/18 to discuss setting up their own groups.
- e. Constitutional issues. RB clarified that 6 years in office took it up to the end of 2021 AGM year. The Policy subcommittee was meeting on 11 December.
- f. Complaint: The Complaints subcommittee of Chris, Diana and Melinda was meeting the complainant on 5/12/18 and expecting to make decisions on 7/12/18.
- g. Accessibility assessment of Bell House and Francis Peek was in hand (CH & MTF).

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2. Events.

Past Events:

- a. November 12: **Angus Hanton** ('The Generation Game - Have we robbed our children?'). Attendance approx. 77.
- b. November 20: **New Members' Tea** at Francis Peek Centre. FPC had lost the booking and it had to take place in Susan's home. 14 new members attended. The next Tea was to be in February (date tba) at FPC. Check booking is confirmed. 2 hour slot. Evaluate its suitability. Angela requested clarification on suggestions about extending the use of the Teas for other purposes, but it was agreed not to change the format at present.

Future Events:

- c. December 7: **Conveners' Lunch** at St Barnabas Hall. Help required for setting up, food preparation, and setting out tables. Vegetarian buffet food had been ordered. Schedule: 12.30 Set up. 1.00 Arrivals. 1.15 Lunch. 2.00 Speaker, Elizabeth Drury, Communications Officer from U3A National Office. 2.30 Discussions (structure of groups and results of Survey). 3.00 Notices and updates. 3.15 Clear up. 3.30 Out.
- d. December 14: **Xmas Quiz** at St Barnabas Hall. Start at 2.00pm and help with setting up required at 1.15pm. Projection and screen questions being provided by John Hunter. Check venue has been confirmed. SE & Jennie going to Costco. Decorations and plants by LD.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. December 18: Xmas Lunch at Golf Course. 72 bookings to date (about the same as last year). Rona is liaison with Golf Club caterer. f. January 14: Open Meeting. David Beamish ('What's the use of the House of Lords') g. January 25: London Delegates meeting at Canada Water. Chris and Roman. h. February 8: SE Network "Down the Drain" study day had sold out of 175 tickets. i. February 13: Open Meeting. Chris Woodwarde (National Garden Museum) j. March 11 or 18: Open Meeting. No response from Daniel Raven-Ellison. k. April 24: Open Meeting. tba l. May 20: AGM. 	NA
<p>3. Membership and Treasurer's Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Membership: Joy reported that the membership was 629. The 600th member had not been formally announced but a photo opportunity could be at the Xmas Lunch or Quiz subject to the person's availability. (RB) b. Treasurer's Report: £23,381 in accounts plus £1,200 of Xmas Lunch money. c. £400 of Network money had been returned to them. 	RB
<p>4. Newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Articles and photos to Susan by 28 December. b. Susan requested small articles to fill spaces and biographies of exec members. c. It was agreed that having phone number contacts for some of the articles and events would helpful, but only if the person agreed to having it printed. 	ALL
<p>5. Survey: Neil presented the initial responses from the Survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To date approx. 150 responses with more to come by closing date 20th December. b. Waiting lists were mentioned in: Genealogy, Art, Archaeology, Bridge, French, Majong, Music Theory, Spanish, Table Tennis, Writing, Politics. The Coordinators would follow these up and discuss them at the Conveners' Meeting. c. Suggested Groups: There were a large number including: Painting, Current Affairs, Backgammon, Classical Greek, DIY, Ethics, Exercise, various languages, Magic, Sudoku, Canasta, Walking football, Weather, Mandolin. d. 9 members indicated they would be prepared to help to set up some of the groups. Coordinators to follow up. e. General comments: Out of 42 comments made there were about 5 criticisms, mainly associated with waiting lists or communications, but 19 were highly complimentary. 	
<p>6. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mugs: Susan showed a new melamine mug with D&D U3A logos on it designed by Di Deudney and Susan, for use at open meetings and events. It was agreed to purchase 108 at £2 each. b. Policy sub-committee report to be added to the next agenda. c. A Programme update sheet was to be produced for January (NA & SE). d. Information Days: Suggestions to be considered: "Scams", "Driving Tests", "IT Support". Neil to investigate finding a "Scams" speakers e. Speakers: Any suggestions for reliable and engaging speakers to Liz. 	SE NA/SE NA ALL

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 7 January 2019 at Susan Elias's home (**note change of date**).

Then Monday 4th February and Monday 4th March.