

## Dulwich and District U3A

### Minutes of the executive committee meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Present: Liz Day (LD, chair) Roman Bednarz (RB) Neil Abrahams (NA) Pamela Ruben (PR) Rona Black (RoB) Helen Graham (HG) Lore Arthur (LA) Di Deudney (DD)

Apologies: Caroline Knapp (CK) Susan Elias (SE) Mary Fyfe (MF) Diana McInnes (DM)

**1. Agenda Review.** No change. The committee welcomed Di Deudney as a new member to the committee

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:**

Corrections to Exec Minutes 24.04.17 be made under 7. Replace July with June.

May AGM Minutes approved.

It was agreed that committee members' photo should be on the website. (Action: RB)

Chris Henry would be invited as co-opted members to the committee. (Action: LD)

New committee members to be 'inducted' and added to D&D U3A Committee Email. Contact details circulated (Action RB & CK)

### **3. Reporting back:**

Greenwich Study Day 05.06.17 organised by South East Region Network was a huge success.

The AGM on May 25<sup>th</sup>. 112 members attended & 28 visitors. 6 joined. The Interest groups fair was considered to have been successful though help will be needed with the setting up tables and chairs next year, even paid. Caretaker helped with returns. In order to shorten the length spent on AGM matters, the Chair's report and Treasurer's report, sent out in advance, should not be summarised in delivery.

Following the agreed motion concerning increased transparency the committee will now put all executive committee minutes on the website as well as other reports as appropriate. It was decided that this could be done without members needing a password since the website was open to all members anyway. Also update website. (Action: RB).

RB will write brief report for the July Newsletter informing members about decisions made.

### **4. Open Meetings**

The talk at the next Open Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> Herne Hill Baptist Church will be given by Ann Kingsbury and Susy Hogarth, Chair and Secretary of Brockwell Park Community Partners, the stakeholder's forum for BP, on "Challenges and Changes in Brockwell Park"

Open Meeting on July 17 at the Dulwich Gallery. Some issues have yet to be resolved. It was decided to hold the meeting at the Linbury Room, serve Elderberry Cordial only and have scones/strawberries served in the corridor and outside. (Action: RoB/LD).

The 13<sup>th</sup> of November Open Meeting could concern Policing in London (Action RoB/LD). See D&D U3A Diary, following each Agenda.

## 5. Re-distribution of executive roles

HG and NA will take over as Joint Interest Group Co-ordinators and organise Convenors' meetings in conjunction with SE. HG and NA to meet with Angela Brown to clarify responsibilities. The next Convenors' meeting will be on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at SE's house.

Convenors will be encouraged to propose possible speakers for future Open Meetings.

**New Members' meetings** in the Rosebery Lodge: these will be co-ordinated by DM and CK. Other committee members will help; the next meeting is set for the 7<sup>th</sup> July; future dates need to be fixed (Action: DM and CK)

**6. Publicity:** PR reported that the community booklets SE21, 22 and 23 and the newsletters of the Herne Hill, Sydenham and Dulwich Societies as well as the Forest Hill Forum had featured short articles about the D&D U3A.

**7. The July Newsletter** will be edited by SE and RoB. RoB will liaise regarding DD's involvement with its design. The June Newsletter was considered to be particularly well presented. Deadline for next Newsletter is 28<sup>th</sup> of June. It will include a section on community fairs, the AGM and the next Open meeting (Action: SE, RoB, DD).

There will be three booklets for members a year. NA, primarily, will edit content before passing it to DD for layout and printing arrangements

**8. Membership:** There are now 447 members. Some drop out, at the time of membership renewal, is to be expected. More will join in the course of the year.

Beacon-online membership scheme: to be discussed by CK and RB, and presented to Committee if and when ready. (Action RB & CK)

**9. SLPs and Research.** LA will liaise with Jo Walters & Jo Livingston. When new SLPs are announced LA will write a small notification for the Newsletter and pass further in-depth information to RB for the website (Action: LA/RB). LA to talk about SLPs and Research at some future Convenors' Meeting.

LD & LA to attend the South East Research Conference on 5th July.

RB & LA will represent D&D at the London Regional Meeting.

LD and RoB are on the LR Executive Committee.

**10. U3A National Conference** in Nottingham. LD and RoB may attend. Conference programme has not yet been finalised.

**11. Hearing Workshop:** another will be planned for the autumn (Action NA).

### **Future Exec Meetings.**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.00-12.00 at Liz Day's

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.00-12.00 at Lore's

