

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Dulwich and District U3A 2018**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 2.00-4.00 at Herne Hill Baptist Church, Half Moon Lane SE24 9HU

**Introduction.** U3A film entitled Life in the Third Age was shown, followed by Singing Group performance, and a Genealogy presentation by Karen Chessell.

**1. Executive Committee.** Individual introductions of current members outlining roles and intention to remain or step down. Introduction of 3 new members. Total 13 committee members so no contested election. Apologies for absence received from Lore Arthur, Di Deudney. Angela Brown, Graham Ashton

**2. Approval of AGM minutes 2017-18.** Accepted, proposer Sarah Howell-Davies, seconder Julia Field

**3. Chair's Report** (Liz Day) Acknowledged Neil Abraham's Activity Report 2017-18 and gave an overview of year. DDU3A founded 4 years ago, 80 special interest groups, over 500 members, and affiliated to 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Trust; new venue Bell House (2018 Garden Party, Politics Group meetings); Open Meetings well attended with range of local speakers; and Information Days e.g Hearing Loss. Communication by e-mails, Facebook, and Programme Booklet. New Members tea parties. Regional activities include London Summer School, Study Days and Workshops. New Protection & Privacy Policy and Chair's report on DDU3A website.

**4. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of Accounts** (Mary Fyfe). A member said that the annual membership fee could be reduced, in view of the amount of reserves which were being held. However it was explained that there were possible additional expenses, such as hall hire and postage, and the committee considered it prudent to have these reserves and maintain the current membership fees for the coming year. Report accepted, posted on website. Proposed by Chris Henry, seconded by Bob Goodrick. Mary Fyfe is standing down.

**5. Motions from Members.** None received

**6. Appointment of Officers and Executive Committee.** The following were appointed

a. Chair - Liz Day

b. Treasurer- Verity Mosenthal (new)

c. Secretary- Roman Bednarz

d. Committee Members: Neil Abrahams, Graham Ashton (new), Angela Brown, Susan Elias, Helen Graham, Joy Harris (new), Chris Henry, Diana McInnes, Pamela Ruben, Melinda Tennant-Flowers(new). Mary Fyfe, Caroline Knapp, Rona Black and Di Deudney stood down and were thanked for their invaluable contributions. Flowers presented at subsequent garden party.

**7. Small Group Discussions.** Key questions each discussed in small group of 6-8, reported one issue each. Following discussion, feedback was given to all members, and comments invited.

**Q1. Interest Groups.** Recommendation to improve diversity within groups especially ethnicity; more encouragement for Convenor newcomers; and group support through appointment of mentors

**Q2. Monthly meetings and Events.** Suggested changing day of week for monthly meetings ( which is already practiced); offer a wider selection of speakers ie London-wide.

**Q3. Communications.** Suggested improving communications between members and Exec Committee; timely feedback to e-mails; reconsider need for Facebook as little used; suggested opt in /opt out for mail edition of Programme Booklet; option to pay Membership by standing order.

**Q4. Wider U3A Opportunities.** Improve awareness of Regional and London activities by providing more information e.g in Newsletter, or by interested members signing up for e-mail details.

**8. AGM concluded.** Refreshments available.