

**Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting of Dulwich and District U3A  
Monday 3rd August 2020 at 1.45pm using Zoom video conferencing  
(as approved at the 2021 AGM)**

**1. Online Registration**

The meeting was attended by 10 Trustees and 110 other participants. No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Approval of Minutes AGM 2019**

These were adopted: proposed by Martin Goffe, seconded by Niesje de Boer.

**3. Chair's Report and Activity Report**

Liz Day summarised the year. Dulwich & District U3A is well regarded by London Region of 43 U3As. She has been pleased to work with an effective Executive Committee, grateful to Roman Bednarz for his support and hard work, and to the convenors of 100 groups. She oversaw six years of monthly meetings, transferring to Zoom online meetings in March 2020. A U3A risk assessment has been introduced. New members are encouraged, aiming for a more diverse membership.

**4. Treasurer's Report and approval of Accounts for 2019/20**

Verity Mosenthal presented the accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. A healthy surplus allowed reduced subscriptions for the 2019/20 year despite increased national subscriptions. Gift Aid has been claimed. Online Zoom meetings have replaced booked hall meetings and reduced overheads, allowing subscriptions to be temporarily suspended with an option of reintroducing them later in the year. The accounts have been signed as correct by an independent examiner. The Accounts were adopted: proposed by Jo Morrison, seconded by Jenny Thomas.

**5. Motions from Members**

**Motion 1: Diversity**

*“Living as we do in South East London with its very multicultural population, some members are acutely aware of the lack of diversity in the membership of the D&D U3A. We believe that we should be taking positive action to attract a more diverse membership. To this end we call upon the new committee to form a representative working group made up of members from across our U3A to review our current recruitment methods and to propose suggestions/recommendations on ways to remedy this situation”*

Proposed by Ruby Douek, seconded by Pam Cohen

Following a discussion, members voted using the Zoom Poll facility. Results were:

Total 115 votes: 110 for the motion i.e. 96%; 5 against i.e. 4%. The motion was passed.

**Motion 2: A change to Item 2 in the Appendix of our constitution.**

Currently states: *“After each AGM of the CIO, the Trustees shall appoint the following Officers: a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer from among their number”.*

Proposed replacement: *“After each AGM of the CIO, the Trustees shall ratify the appointment of the following officers selected by the members: a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Trustees shall also appoint from amongst their number a Vice-Chair. In the event that any officer role remains unfilled at the AGM the Trustees shall appoint to that role from among their number, or from the membership, providing that the number of Trustees does not exceed the maximum of 15 “*

Proposed by Mary Fyfe, seconded by Caroline Knapp.

Following discussion, members voted using the Zoom poll facility. Results were:

Total 102 votes: 93 for the motion i.e. 91%; 9 against i.e. 9%. The motion was passed.

## **6. Trustee nominations**

### **a. Election of Chair and Executive Committee.**

Liz Day and Roman Bednarz announced their retirement after 6 years in post. A new Chair was elected using the online voting system. Roman Bednarz announced the results: Total votes: 270. Angela Brown 180 (67%), David Beamish 90 (33%). Angela Brown was elected as the new Chair.

### **b. Nominations for Executive Committee**

These were accepted without an election as the total did not exceed the maximum of 15. Continuing members 8: Neil Abrahams, David Beamish, Rona Black, Susan Elias, Helen Graham, Joy Harris, Verity Mosenthal, Sandra Tait.

New members 6: Angela Brown, Pamela Cohen, Di Deudney, Richard Elliott, Sarah Howell-Davies, Anne Sharpley.

A Secretary and Vice-Chair will be appointed at next Executive Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

## **7. Appreciations**

- a.** Angela Brown thanked Liz for her 6 years of dedication and Roman for the exemplary way he conducted the election. Angela invited members to have the opportunity to observe Executive Committee meetings, after first contacting her.
- b.** Verity Mosenthal thanked Liz for her Dulwich & District U3A contributions over 6 years. As a measure of success, Dulwich & District U3A had registered over 1000 members since inception, now currently 700, and had set up 100 special interest groups.
- c.** David Beamish thanked Roman for his 6 years as Secretary, including additional tasks of displaying notice boards and designing the Dulwich & District U3A website. He is also convenor of the Astronomy group and two computer groups.

The meeting closed at 15.20

The AGM was followed by a talk by Dulwich & District U3A member Laurence Marsh entitled “Herne Hill – past, present and future.”