

Dulwich & District U3A Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 5 November 2018 at Liz Day's home - 10.00am

Action

Present: Liz Day (LD, chair), Chris Henry (CH), Diana McInnes (DM), Graham Ashton (GA), Helen Graham (HG), Melinda Tenant-Flowers (MTF), Neil Abrahams (NA, Minutes), Pamela Rubin (PR), Roman Bednarz (RB), Susan Elias (SE), Verity Mosenthal (VM).

Apologies: Angie Brown (AB), Joy Harris (JH).

1. Review of Planned Agenda. Add: Rosebery Lodge (DM), Constitution (RB).

- a. Corrections to Minutes of 08/10/18. **None.**

2. 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. Not yet received. Follow up (RB/VM).
- c. 0800 phone number. Complications had arisen. RB looking at it. (RB)
- d. Reusable cups. SE and Di Deudney investigating with possible logo.
- e. Brixton Prison. CH, AB, DM had suggested a way forward. Meeting again with Brixton.

RB

RB/VM

RB

SE

3. Meetings.

Past:

- a. October 17: Judy Elias (A Life in a Suitcase). Very well received. About 76 attended.
- b. October 15: London Region AGM at Canada Water Library. CH attended. 50-60 people attended. Talk by Eric Midwinter. Trust Development Plan presented by John Bent.
- c. October 15: SE Region AGM. Attended by AB (Chair) and LD. Discussed the importance of Networks.

Future:

- d. November 12: **Angus Hanton** ('The Generation Game - Have we robbed our children?'). To be introduced by Martin Goff.
 - i. Possible intro by Roman on our Website & Bird logo.
- e. November 20: **New Members' Tea** at Francis Peek Centre.
 - i. 30-40 invitations sent out. Angie to advise which Conveners and Exec she wants present.
 - ii. Can Teas be used for other purposes e.g. computer support; new groups?
 - iii. Future booking for 2 hours only.
- f. December 7: **Conveners' Lunch** at St Barnabas Hall.
 - i. Susan in touch with a caterer. Help required setting out food in advance.
 - ii. Guest speaker requested from U3A on resources ("You are not alone").
 - iii. Schedule: 12.30 Set up. 1.00 Arrivals. 1.15 Lunch. 2.00 Speaker + questions. 2.30 Discussions (structure of groups). 3.00 Notices and updates. 3.15 Clear up. 3.30 Out.
- g. December 14: **Xmas Quiz**. Conveners had been contacted for questions but more needed. Projection to screen questions being provided by John Hunter. SE & Jennie going to Costco. Decorations and plants by LD.

RB

AB

AB

SE

8. **AOB**

- a. **Constitution.** Roman advised that we needed to look at our Constitution, particularly the length of time an Officer can remain in office.
 - i. It was agreed tha a subcommittee would look at a number of issues including: Constitution; Forward planning; Complaints/Grievances /Disciplinary procedures; Use of photographs; and report back.
 - ii. Provisional subcommittee: Diana, Roman, Neil, Melinda, Chris.
- b. **Rosebery Lodge:** Diana advised that the lease on Rosebery Lodge was up for renewal in May 2019 and that the terms of use may change.
- c. **Accessibility:** Melinda had to complete an assessment of Bell House and Francis Peek Centre.
- d. **Information Days:** Suggestions to be considered: “Scams”, “Driving Tests”, “IT Support”

9. **Complaints**

- a. The Chair informed the committee that formal complaints had been made against two of the committee, Liz Day and Neil Abrahams, by a member.
- b. She had asked Chris Henry to lead an investigation together with other members of the committee of his choice, following the U3A’s Complaints, Grievance, and Disciplinary procedures which had been circulated.
- c. Chris asked for the committee’s agreement on his taking the lead, and this was approved.
- d. Chris would report back progress to the committee when appropriate.

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 3 December, at 10am

Action

DM

MTF