

From Minutes of Ems Valley AGM 2016

**4. Treasurer's Report** The Chairman thanked David Lees for his work balancing the Accounts and announced that 10 copies had been made available for members to read on arrival at the meeting. A slide was displayed which highlighted the key items of Income and Expenditure. It was explained that our trading loss from 2014-15 of £425 had been eradicated and we now have a surplus of £3,980. However the need for reserves and the fact that costs are rising necessitated the increase in subscription from £15 to £18. It was pointed out that we are one of the cheapest U3As to join. Other groups, for example, charge a fee for their monthly meetings and pass on more of their hall fees.

A proposal that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as correct was made by Jim Cottis and seconded by Val Perry. Dick Howell is Examiner of Accounts.

**5. Chairman's Report** The Chairman reported we now have 417 members - no waiting list to join. We have 48 activity/interest groups - most healthy and actively supported. We are now members of SCN (South Coast Network). The Chairman has visited and made contacts with some, sharing experiences on how they do things. We have welcomed visitors from these other groups.

We have held monthly meetings, with a range of speakers and some excellent group presentations. We have had good support in setting up for meetings and also with providing the teas - special thanks to Jane Cassidy and Wendy Hardy for ensuring all the refreshments provisions are available and any washing is willingly done. Communications have been outstanding through our website, kept up to date by Dave McVittee and our newsletter prepared by Jackie Oiller. We have a very hardworking committee and Group Leaders.

Looking ahead we have the 10th anniversary celebrations (Exhibition at the Emsworth Museum, August 6th and Hog Roast 25th August) and this year we are planning a Christmas Lunch at Chichester College, details to come later.

VO asked for members to show their appreciation of RS's tenure as Chairman and presented him with a voucher for two *Fat Olives* restaurant.