

EMS VALLEY U3A – COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2023 – MOUNTFORD 3 E.C.C.

Those present:

Tim Mathews (Chairman/ Webmaster), Rod Lipscombe (Vice-Chairman),
Dbee Robinson (Business Secretary), Ann Sims (Groups Coordinator),
Liz Rosoman (Minutes Secretary), Jane Yoward

1. **Apologies:** Hilary Street, Sue Kent, Karen Rodger, Margaret Melhuish.
2. **Minutes and Matters arising:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. It was suggested that committee members' reports should be sent to all committee members prior to the monthly meeting.
3. **Business Secretary's Report:**
 - a. The Charity commission has been updated including Jane Yoward as a Trustee. However, the Annual Return – await the update. Think this can now be attended to. At <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charity-annual-return-2023-question-guide/charity-annual-return-2023-question-guide>
 - b. Christmas Lunch on 29 November at Chichester College 12 noon. Email sent to Catering manager. Expecting contact October with menu and prices.
 - c. Constitution review – see under AOB.
 - d. We need to find a deputy for the website editor. It was suggested that this be flagged at the next monthly meeting in the hope of finding a volunteer with the required knowledge.
 - e. Diaries are here priced at £4.50.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** no report. Hilary will bring second quarter monitor to October meeting.
5. **Membership Report:** We have 523 members at present, 94 attended the July meeting. We forgot to report in the last minutes that 91 attended the June meeting.
6. **Groups Report:**
 - a. The Gardens Group leaders are retiring at Christmas. Next year's schedule has been planned.
7. **Website:**
 - a. No more news yet as to when we'll be converted to the new SiteWorks platform.
8. **Monthly meeting:**
 - a. Rod queried protocol for booking speakers in case committee approval was required. This is not the case.
 - b. Tea rota – Tim contacts next on the rota running up to monthly meeting to confirm and remind.
 - c. A comment had been noted that no vote of thanks was made for the July speaker.
 - d. The next meeting is on 28 September where the speaker will be Bobbie Darbyshire, Wine Group 4 will be on tea duty, and Geoff Whalley will be speaking after tea.

9. **AOB**

- a. Discuss Constitution from October meeting.
- b. Third Age Trust AGM on 18 October – Tim might attend or appoint proxy to cast the Ems Valley 3 votes. 2 resolutions to be voted on.
We agreed resolution 1) YES and resolution 2) ABSTAIN
- c. Flag up at next monthly meeting that members can dip in to try different groups without incurring further cost once they have paid their membership subscription.
- d. Gocardless.com for direct debits to be discussed at our next meeting.

10. **Next Meeting: 17th October 2023 (every 3rd Tuesday)**