

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 1 JUNE 2022

Those Present: Mike Polgreen, David Bittles, Maureen Nicholas, Adrian Wakeford, Gill Davies, Ken Laing, Sandy Bell, Hazel Irwin

1. **Apologies for Absence.** All present
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - Licence for Microsoft for new laptop for 25 at no cost
 - 2 year warranty from John Lewis
 - SB to 'hold' the laptop
4. **Reports**
 - **Chairman.** Nothing to report
 - **Secretary.** Nothing to Report
 - **Treasurer.** The bank balance is £7282. A new Dell laptop has been purchased costing £419.99 with a laptop bag for £25.99.
 - **Group Coordinator.** AW attended the zoom meeting of Southern Area Group Coordinators in May; there were some minor exchanges of information and a reminder about resources available on the u3a web sites for groups. The Cycling Group is closed because there was no volunteer to take over as leader. AW has taken no further action on Margaret Scrabble group as yet. The Science Engineering and Technology Group Leader is finding some difficulty in getting subject matter for meetings. The July meeting will be a socialising/brainstorming event to attempt to achieve a healthier set of ideas for future meetings. AW to feed in some of the national level resources mentioned previously. AW to visit the German Group on 6 June.
 - **Publicity.** It was agreed that there was a need to advertise our u3a. Opportunities exist at the Emsworth Show and the Westbourne Fete at which the Sea Shanty Group will be performing. MP & GP to place adverts in local shops and HI to talk to Gill Polgreen.
 - **Visits/Outings/Social.** The plan is a visit to Beaulieu on Thursday 15 September; the coach is booked at a cost of £605. Beaulieu is booked for a group visit at a cost of £16 per person. The coach seats 49 and to date 40 members have expressed interest. At £14 for the coach making a total of £30 we would need a minimum of 44 to cover costs. Members will be asked to book with payment; a deposit of £50 is required by 24 June to confirm the coach.
 - **Membership.** We currently have 250 members with just 5 new members since 1 April. There has been recently enquiries from 6 potential new members but they have yet to sign up.
 - **Speakers.** The speaker for 17 June is Frances Farrer-Brown on 'Portsmouth Harbour and the 3 ships'. He will cover a number of topics including why did the Mary Rose sink, what did men in Nelson's day have for lunch and what did a second class boy earn on the Warrior. The talk includes also the history of Portsmouth Dockyard. He Charges £60 plus 40p per mile. The speaker in September is Roger Clark on 'Southern Waterways'. Roger lives in Chichester and he and his wife used to be members of Emsworth u3a; he charges £35 and will travel on the 700 bus!
 - **Web Administrator.** SB is updating the Web. MN to liaise with SB about Beaulieu.
5. **Long Talk.** It was agreed that GP should ask Bob Comlay to make his talk 1hr 15mins to include Q&A. Post meeting note – he has agreed.
6. **Emsworth Show.** AW to coordinate photos for the show.
7. **Flip Chart.** SB has a chart that may be suitable but if not it was agreed that AW could buy a chart with marker pens and be the custodian.
8. **AOB.**
 - MP to brief the Committee on the Gazebo at the next meeting

- AW to send note to Group Leaders to confirm they are content with having their details printed in the handout
- AW to liaise with Toni to ensure new handout for Westbourne Fete and Emsworth Show.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** 6 July 2022 at 1400 at 5 Hither Green, Southbourne PO10 8JA