

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4 MAY 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.** See AOB
4. **Reports**
 - **Chairman.** Nothing to report
 - **Secretary.** Nothing to Report
 - **Treasurer.** The bank balance is £7603 with membership fees to the u3a having been paid. David Willson has agreed to be our auditor. KL attended the area Treasurers meeting by zoom; the key points were:
 - Some u3as are using card readers for subscriptions – KL & HI agreed we should not.
 - Discussion about holding excess funds; with updating equipment and new purchases we are OK.
 - Beacon update – a 2nd server is available so the system should be more stable. Sitebuilder to be replaced with Wordpress.
 - **Group Coordinator.** Efforts to revive interest in the cycling group have failed; I will be formally closing the group. I will next turn my attention to the Scrabble Groups which Margaret Harry is no longer able to lead. Nobody has come forward from the existing members to take it on but I will see whether a leader can be found from the other scrabble group or possibly the two groups merge. I attended the Rock & Rhythm Group; they rocked! I attended the re-launch of the Art Discovery Group and they have a lot of good ideas for their future.
 - **Visits/Outings/Social.** The trip to Leonardslee had a member drop out through illness yesterday but 48 are confirmed as going; MN has the organisation well wrapped up. It was agreed that the member who cancelled should be offered back her fee for the coach but that the entry fee to Leonardslee was not refundable.
 - **Membership.** We currently have 250 members
 - **Speakers.** The Chair of the Emsworth Museum has agreed to be our speaker in January 2023
 - **Web Administrator.** Making progress with the handover from MP to SB.
 - **Publicity.** Nothing to report.
5. **AGM.** It was agreed that the format of having a speaker to follow the AGM was a success and should be continued.
6. **Jubilee Speaker.** It was agreed than efforts would be made to 'dress' the Hall for the next monthly meeting to reflect the Jubilee theme. Bunting would be used and Prosecco would be available with possibly suitable biscuits. DB to check whether entry to the Hall could be earlier. MN & GD to liaise as necessary.
7. **AOB.**
 - It might be useful where appropriate to highlight on Emails the distribution list.
 - MP's research has identified a suitable laptop to replace the outdated equipment currently held and it was agreed that it should be purchased along with new accessories such as mouse and bag.
 - Research on a Gazebo for the Emsworth Show identified 3 options varying in price and quality and it was agreed that the midrange 500d at £239 should be purchased. It was agreed also that this could be hired to members.
8. **Date of Next Meeting** 1 June 2022 at 1400 at 5 Hither Green, Southbourne PO10 8JA

