

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND U3A NETWORK GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY 29th MARCH 2019

Venue: The Sports Pavilion, Gynsill Lane, Glenfield

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| <p>Present: Ashby, Charnwood, Enderby, Glenfield, Great Glen, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Melton Mowbray, Oadby and Wigston, South Leicestershire, Syston and District, West Leicestershire, Wycliffe Lutterworth</p> | |
| <p>Apologies: Countesthorpe, Rutland, Whitwick, Cynthia Baker (Network Assistant)</p> | |
| <p>Welcome: Linda Patton, as Chairman, welcomed all representatives of the attending U3As and Jean Hogg, our National Trustee.</p> | |
| <p>Notes of previous meeting: Notes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved with the following correction: West Leicestershire did not have a Chinese culture group but Loughborough does.</p> | |
| <p>Matters Arising: <u>Website:</u> Rob Harriman (Webmaster) informed the meeting that members could contact him via the web-site with anything they would like him to include; he had brought the web-site up to date. <u>Safeguarding:</u> Helen would circulate details of Safeguarding information</p> | <p>All HD</p> |
| <p>Report from the Money-keeper: David reported that at the present date there is £2079.66 in the account. He suggested that we did not have a holiday from paying subs but that the figure payable in the year by each participating U3A should be a smaller amount. Syston suggested that we pay £15 for the year 1/4/2019 to 31/3/2020 and this was seconded by Wycliffe and agreed by the members.</p> | <p>DK/HD</p> |
| <p>Network Constitution: A copy of the proposed Network Constitution had been distributed before the meeting and it was proposed by Hinckley and seconded by Glenfield that we accept it. The membership present agreed.</p> | |
| <p>Appointment of Network Committee: Judith Harriman was proposed as Chairman by Leicester and seconded by Loughborough. Members voted to appoint her to this post. Cynthia Baker was proposed as Secretary by West Leicestershire and seconded by Syston. Once again the members agreed. Helen Davison was proposed as Treasurer by Great Glen and seconded by Hinckley. We agreed with this appointment. Lynne Cox had agreed to stand as vice-chairman; she was proposed to this post by Leicester, seconded by Enderby and the members agreed. Three further members were voted on to the new committee; these were Rose Gale, Ross Devine and Robert Mansfield. Charnwood proposed them, Glenfield seconded their appointment and the members agreed.</p> | |

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| <p>Appointment of Account Signatories: Helen Davison (Treasurer), Judith Harriman (Chairman) and Cynthia Baker (Secretary) were proposed as signatories of the new Leicestershire and Rutland Network of U3As by West Leicester, seconded by Wycliffe and the members voted to agree this arrangement.</p> | |
| <p>Regional Trustee Report: Circulated with these Minutes</p> | |
| <p>Future workshops/events: Fourteen U3As attended the successful Network Quiz held by South Leicestershire U3A on Tuesday March 26th which was won by a team from Lutterworth U3A. Hinckley U3A will arrange another in September or October 2019. Leicester U3A felt that there is room for another U3A in the Braunstone area of Leicester. Both Helen Davison and Lynne Cox (Trust Volunteers) would be willing to help if there is a nucleus of people from this area who would like to start a new U3A. There was a suggestion that an Inter-network Bridge competition be arranged. SLU3A would ask an interested member if he would help to organise this. Helen said that she would look into arranging a day to which we could send members to share their knowledge of language groups, web-master skills, history and science and technology. Lynne Cox and Linda Patton had responded to a message sent to all U3As regarding a chance to send members to learn more about Indonesian culture. Enquiries will be made and details sent to all members asap as the Indonesian Embassy representative is only in this area until July. It was suggested that a suitable venue would be the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre. Leicester will make a presentation at the next Network Meeting about how to generate new groups.</p> | <p>Hinckley Reg. Trustee & Trust Volunteers SLU3A HD Lynne Cox/Linda Patton Steph Smith</p> |
| <p>Round Robin: Ashby: have 290 members, 80 of whom have joined in the last 18 months, but wonder whether they should split due to lack of space in their meeting hall. They have presentations by two groups at each general meeting. Enderby Area: have a stable membership and a very successful New Age Kurling team. Glenfield: do not have a paid speaker at their AGM but invite members to talk about their hobbies and interests. Great Glen: have a membership of 400 which is growing. Many who attend the general meetings belong to no groups. They have an open day each year. They have split the Book group into two and have members who would like to join an astronomy group but no-one willing to lead the group. They are soon to lose two of the venues in which their interest groups meet. Hinckley: have an "I always wanted to do that" group. Another new group is Vinyl Records. They had 15 new members after an advertisement. It is their 25th anniversary this year and they are celebrating with a Strawberry Tea in June. Leicester: have taster sessions where potential members can attend meetings and groups before joining to see if the U3A suits them. They also have a "How hard can it be?" group where members try their hand at new skills for example archery. They have many new groups starting including Orienteering, Gilbert and Sullivan, Paranormal, World History, Ten Pin</p> | |

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| <p>Bowling, and Ukulele starting within the next week.</p> <p>Loughborough: have a very elderly, but committed membership</p> <p>Melton Mowbray: hold two meetings each year for new members where they tell them the history of the U3A and explain its structure. The Chairman also gives a talk on the local radio station about the U3A.</p> <p>Lutterworth: had celebrated their 15th Anniversary in 2018/19 with a Murder/Mystery evening and a lunch.</p> <p>Oadby and Wigston: advertise in a local magazine that goes to all local households. They also advertise on two local electronic screens.</p> <p>South Leicestershire: have a Transport Group which occasionally invites outside speakers to address the group but often simply involves members speaking about forms of transport that interest them. They also have a “Railway Exploration” group. They have several members who have joined as a result of a volunteering workshop and they are contacted by a New Member Liaison member soon after joining to see how they are enjoying their membership.</p> <p>Syston: have a disabled member on their committee who helps them to ensure that events are more inclusive for all members. They also have meet-ers and greeters at the door at general meetings so that new members can be introduced to a friendly face.</p> <p>West Leicestershire: have a rota at their general meetings on a loose and friendly basis at which members are told by Group Leaders what goes on in their various groups.</p> <p>Whitwick:. Have a “Time to remember” group where members share their memories in a structured way. This was developed from the Memory Course. Interested U3As should contact Lynne Cox at: lynne.cox99@gmail.com</p> <p>Wycliffe: Groups which used to be attended by a majority of male members have been subtly altered by including the history of the subjects in for example the engineering group so that there are now many women attending. They also have a “Gentle cycling” group.</p> | |
| <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Glenfield said that they would like a rota so that other U3As can set up the tables and chairs and serve the coffee and biscuits at the beginning of each Network meeting. Stuart Galloway will draft a rota which will be sent to Helen for distribution.</p> <p>Jean Hogg said that the Advice section of the Third Age Trust web-site is being changed and there will be advice there about many of the problems outlined by members at the meeting today.</p> <p>Helen asked us all to thank David for his work over many years as our Money-keeper.</p> <p>Linda thanked Glenfield for their hospitality yet again; the venue is perfect as is the lunch they arrange.</p> | <p>Glenfield/Stuart Galloway</p> <p>All</p> |

The meeting ended at 12 noon.

Date of next meeting:

The next Network meeting will take place on **Friday November 1st** at The Sports Pavilion, Gynsill Lane, Glenfield LE7 7AG at 10 am.

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Delegates to Leicestershire & Rutland Network Meeting 29th March 2019

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| Ashby | Tony Smith |
| Charnwood | Lynne Cox, Helen Davison |
| Countesthorpe | Apologies |
| Enderby Area | Mike Maloney |
| Glenfield | Stuart Galloway, Judith Harriman |
| Great Glen | Robert Mansfield |
| Hinckley | Janice Strand |
| Leicester | Steph Smith, Ros Devine |
| Loughborough | Ruth Swales, Gillian Bayley |
| Lutterworth | Linda Patton, Ken Patton |
| Market Harborough | ----- |
| Melton Mowbray | Alan Barton, Morag Timbrell |
| Rutland | Apologies |
| S. Leicestershire | Helen Salisbury, Rose Gale |
| Syston & District | Michael Wherton, Christine Ringrose |
| W. Leicestershire | Norma Smart, Lyn McDermott |
| Whitwick | Apologies |
| Wycliffe Lutterworth | Nigel Burt |
| Webmaster | Rob Harriman |
| Money Keeper | David Kyle |
| Regional Trustee | Jean Hogg |

Leics & Rutland U3As opted out of Network:

Blaby

Bradgate

Kibworth

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