

## LEWES U3A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 28 April 2021 using the Zoom conferencing facility at 11.30 am

**Participating:** Gordon Bull (Chair), Marion Tyler (Secretary), Michael Austin, Ann Holmes, Janet Kennedy, Hazel [O'Hare](#), Susan Murray, Jackie Ralph, Jennie McWalter, Neil McWalter, Anne Williams, Margaret Sheppard (Minutes Secretary).

In attendance Derek Blayney for items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 13

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**1 Apologies for absence:** none

**2 Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2021:** these were approved for publication.

**3 Matters arising from those minutes:**

Item 4 being carried forward

Item 6 completed

**4 Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 16 April 2021:** these were approved by the committee.

**5 Matters arising from those minutes:** a copy of the revised constitution was circulated.

**Action:** MT to send the revised constitution to the Charity Commission with the object clause still awaiting their approval. She will alter 'U3A' to 'u3a' in line with TAT advice and list the changes made at the SGM.

**6 Treasurer's report:** report circulated It was **agreed** that the Treasurer should apply to open a Go Cardless account. This would make it easier to alter the annual subscriptions in the future and in the meantime new members would be encouraged to pay by Go Cardless to see how the system works.

**7 Mission statement (including equality and diversity):** It was agreed that the statement 'Lewes u3a is fully inclusive and embraces equality and diversity.' should be added to the mission statement on our website.

**8 Beacon replacement update:** report circulated. We await further information from TAT.

**9 Equipment Officer:** DB wishes has retired from the post. It was decided that in future we will need a co-ordinator and team to handle the increased technical input into courses.

**Action:** GB to email all members to ask for help from any members with experience of handling hybrid meetings.

**10 u3a Open Day:** JR outlined the preparations made for the Open~Day to be held on 2 June from 9 am to 1 pm in the Linklater Centre. It was agreed that new members joining on the day or afterwards would have their membership extended to September 2022. J and NMcW will distribute Lewes News to the collators. Posters will be sent as pdfs to all members asking them to display them in their windows or other suitable places if they are able to. More volunteers will be sought to help on the day.

**11 Public Lectures:** report circulated.

**12 Date of the AGM:** Friday 12 November 2021 at 2.30 pm. GB will retire as Chair on that date.

**13 Future of Lewes u3a:** the report of the Working Group prepared by SM, along with a minority report prepared by Tony Wheeler, were circulated. A preliminary discussion took place for 35 minutes and it was decided that a separate meeting was required. This was arranged for Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 11 am.

**14 Any other business:** none

**15 Dates of the next meetings:** Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 11 am to discuss the working Group reports  
Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 11.30 am.

The meeting closed at 1.35 pm