

LEWES U3A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 31 March 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 and 5

1 Apologies for absence: :none

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021: these were approved for publication.

3 Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

Item 6 ongoing

Item 7 DB's paper has been circulated

Item 8 completed

Item 10 i the member is being given remedial classes

Item 10 ii J and NMcW will continue to talk to venue providers as Covid restrictions unfold.

4 Treasurer's report: report circulated A PayPal account has been set up

Actions: DB will put two links on the website one for new and one for continuing members to pay their subscriptions. He will research if footers can be put on personal and Beacon emails.

HO'H will ask the web editor to state that we are a registered charity on the 'About Us' page.

5 Final arrangements for special General Meeting on 16 April 2021: Fifty members have applied to participate and 54 more have already voted by post or electronically so the meeting can go ahead. It was decided that we preferred our own wording to that suggested by TAT. DB will host the meeting and it will be possible for each of the 4 changes to be voted on separately. The outcomes will be lodged with TAT and if the change of the object clause is agreed the Charity Commission will be asked for permission to adopt it. Questions can be asked by raised hands or use of the reaction button and MA will scan the screens for raised hands. The meeting will be recorded for a limited time. MT was thanked for all her hard work preparing for this meeting.

6 Feedback from the Tutors and Convenors Meeting 26 March 2021: report circulated.

Few applications have been received for the summer term.

Actions: MA will send out a reminder letter nearer the start of term.

GB will alter the joining instructions on the website to make it easier to navigate.

It was thought hybrid meetings would be complicated to arrange and the date for the next programme publication will be considered at the next meeting.

7 u3a day: Arrangements are in train and JR will report to the April meeting. GB and Chris Roach are preparing a video.

8 Future dates: The decision on dates for the AGM and possible Open Day were deferred.

9 Any other business:

i Research survey requests: Committee members are receiving frequent requests from students to help with their research. It was decided that we could not organise surveys for them but where it was thought that the subject might be of interest to our members it would be published on our website for members to reply if they wished, and the researcher advised accordingly

ii Birdwatching: This group will be allowed to resume meetings following any rules of six in place and the Ramblers Association guidelines.

iii Speaker from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission: it was agreed that a donation of £30 could be given to a speaker to talk to a Lewes Lecture on 10 November 2021.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 11.30 am.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

