

MINUTES OF LIMEBROOK U3A
AGM HELD ON 12 May 2023
AT THE WMCC

Present: 90 Limebrook u3a members

1. Apologies

Keith Parrott, Janis Page, Phil Page, Sue Hawkins, Nan Field.

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by John Salisbury, seconded by Sandra Stubbings and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairperson's Report – Brian Harris

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Limebrook u3a, and a particular welcome to those of you who are joining us for the first time.

The past year has flown by and has been a very successful one for Limebrook u3a.

We held an Open Day at the Maldon Town Hall which was an opportunity for the Interest Group Leaders and the Committee to meet new people and inform them about the u3a. For the second year we attended the Silver Day at the Maldon Town Football Club. I was given time to talk and provide an overview of the u3a. Both these events were well attended and many new members joined Limebrook u3a as a result.

Our Monthly Meetings have been informative and entertaining with attendances consistently over 80 and towards the end of the year in excess of 100. The membership is now 220 and we have recently had a waiting list.

With an expanding membership there has been an increase in the number of interest groups. The new groups have added different opportunities to our members and more are planned. We have many groups that have reached their capacity and as a result, spin off groups have been formed. It is exciting to see so many people stepping forward to either organise activities or support those who already coordinate the hobbies, pastimes and activities that Limebrook has to offer.

The ethos of Learn, Laugh and Live is alive and thriving with the volunteers who give their time and enthusiasm so freely.

Barbara Cordina, The Regional Trustee for the East of England, attended one of our Monthly Meetings. She was very impressed with how the meeting was organised and that half of our membership were at the meeting. Your Committee have had a very full year. Behind the scenes, they cover many aspects of running Limebrook as a Charity, meeting the regulations and ensuring the smooth running of your u3a.

Jess Patient has been our Speaker Secretary for 6 years. Jess has decided to stand down from the Committee in order to spend more time with her two young grandsons. I would like to thank her for all her hard work, and especially for being instrumental in encouraging me to join the Committee.

The Interest Group Leaders and those who support them, have led a larger number of meetings, zoom sessions and visits to places of interest than the year before. Thank you for their invaluable contributions to help make Limebrook, the friendly u3a.

On your behalf, I want to thank the Committee. Their help, guidance, enthusiasm and support have been there throughout my four years as your Chairman.

It has been an honour to be in the Chair, and I know that Limebrook u3a is in a strong position as we move in to the 2023 2024 year.

Good luck to the incoming Chair and I wish the new Committee every possible success.

5. Treasurer's Report – Keith Parrott presented by Brian Harris

At Limebrook U3A we have seen growth in terms of membership and activities in which our members can participate. This has enabled us to maintain a secure financial position, as shown on the Balance sheet copy attached.

- The balance sheet has a slightly different appearance and layout this year.

In addition to the Cash balances shown, we are required to declare amounts being accrued for known future payments throughout 2023/24. These range from members subscription to National u3a, Third Age Matters magazine delivery, the cost of the Monthly meetings, including Speakers, refreshments and Admin costs. All of this comes to you from your £20 subscription payment.

The accruals also included a reserve to fully meet 6 months of normal operation, as required by the Charity

Commission.

- We really appreciate you paying your Membership subscription on such a timely basis. This helps our planning for the coming year. For 2023/24 we have managed to maintain our membership subscription at £20.00 which is unchanged since the founding of Limebrook u3a, a real achievement I think you will agree.
- The Main account shows a balance after accruals @ 31st March 2023 of £3019.96
- The Theatre and Social account has a balance after accruals @ 31st March 2023 of £94.32.
- GIFT AID: We thank those of you who have been able to give written consent for us to claim Gift Aid on your subscription payment now and in the future. If you are a tax payer, it is a simple tick in the box on the membership form. If you are in a position to consider this, please talk to me or our Membership secretary. The Gift Aid we recover is a huge help in maintaining our low membership fee and a great benefit in these times of the rising prices of everything.
- We have an established banking process with NATWEST. With internet banking, BACS and transfer payment facilities. Thank you for using these. Additionally, we now have the facility to take card payments at the monthly meetings for subscriptions, trips and excursions. It is hoped this will further reduce the use of cheques and cash in particular. Thank you for working with us as this as it all makes a Treasurers life a little easier.

Lastly my thanks to our Committee, Group Leaders and all members for supporting me in the role of Honorary Treasurer of Limebrook U3A.

Acceptance of accounts proposed by John Ord, seconded by Paul Madge and passed unanimously by the members.

Brian Harris thanked Keith Parrott for a fantastic job.

6. **Presentation**

Jess Patient is standing down from the committee this year, Brian Harris thanked Jess Patient for 6 years as Speaker secretary and presented her with a card and gift.

7. **Election of Chairperson**

As the outgoing Chairperson, Brian Harris introduced Howard Corlett who was the only nomination for chairperson.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Howard Corlett	Mike Edwards	David Sansom

Howard Corlett was unanimously elected.

Howard Corlett asked John Salisbury to say a few words to thank the retiring chairperson Brian Harris.

John reminded us that Brian and Linda Harris had joined the u3a 6 years previously and 2 years later Brian became chairperson. He has worked far beyond the call of duty to make Limebrook one of the best u3a's in the region, 'The Friendly u3a'

His leadership from 2019 to 2023 had not been easy during the pandemic but the hard work of Brian and the committee kept Limebrook u3a going and our membership in 2023 is higher than before the pandemic.

Brian has also done lots of work for the local u3a Cluster Group, The Essex Association and at National level.

Brian was then presented with a card and gift and received a round of applause from the members.

8. Election of Committee

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Vice Chair	No nominations		
Treasurer	Keith Parrott	Christine Steel	Tim Stubbings
Secretary	Edwina Ord	Sandra Stubbings	David Sansom
Committee member	Brian Harris	John Salisbury	Howard Corlett
Committee member	Sandra Stubbings	Tudor Pike	Elizabeth Pike
Committee member	Tim Stubbings	Elizabeth Pike	Tudor Pike
Committee member	John Salisbury	Brian Harris	Keith Parrott
Committee member	Paul Madge	Jo Madge	Sandra Stubbings
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Committee member	Christine Steel	John Salisbury	Keith Parrott
Committee member	David Sansom	Howard Corlett	Keith Parrott
Committee member	Mary Edwards	Mike Edwards	Howard Corlett
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Committee member	John Ord	Howard Corlett	David Sansom

All committee members were unanimously elected

9. AOB previously notified to the secretary.

None notified

AGM closed at. 15.27