

## LRU3A – IT/WEB PEER GROUP

**MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 16.30, on Zoom**

Zoom link details:

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These meeting notes are not minutes – they don't try to capture all details discussed. But they do try to record key discussion points or actions arising.

### ATTENDEES:

No	u3a NAME	REP NAME	Att	Apol.
	Abbeywood & Thamesmead			
1	Barnet	Mick O'Reilly		
2	Beckenham	Liz Tarrant		A
3	Bexley			
4	Bromley	David Moody		
5	Dulwich	David Beamish	1	
6	Ealing	Phil Broomsgrove Jurek Narozanski		A
7	Hackney	Paul Lister		
8	Hammersmith and Fulham	Graham Tigg		A
9	Harrow	Kathy Westhead		
10	Hillingdon	Tony Kemp		
11	Hounslow	Sally Eggett		
12	Islington	Derek Harwood Vivek Nanda	1	
13	Merton	David Lusty		
14	Northwood	Malcolm Bentote		
15	North London	Mike Christie	1	
16	Orpington	Roger Howe Mo Childs		
17	Palmers Green	Frances Halliday /Pat Bleach / Yvonne Marr / Sheena Thorne	1	A
18	Redbridge	Lennart Christensen		A
19	Richmond upon Thames	David Wood		
20	SE London	Mark Serebriakoff	1	
21	Stanmore District	Martin Carr		
22	Sutton	Phil Thomas		
23	Waltham Forest	Jane Harrington Dorritt Okoye	1	
24	Wandsworth	Andy Carr		A
25	Welling	Maria Guest-Naharnowicz		A
	Surrey Network	Ian Funnell		

## AGENDA:

1. Status Sitebuilder replacement, SiteWorks
2. Analytics
3. Open discussion
4. Review of Actions Arising
5. AOB

## DISCUSSIONS

1. **Sitebuilder (SB) Replacement/ SiteWorks (SW):** there was a sharing of status knowledge between FH/MC/DH. Palmers Green is now one of the 'pioneer' u3as testing the initial SW offering. They are expecting to be one of the 'migration' u3as. New u3as nationally are going the 'starter' site option. Creating a migrated site from Sitebuilder data takes 10 minutes longer than the 40+ minutes for a starter site to be setup. Some are contemplating if they think they have a simple website currently and not much worth migrating then they are considering starting from scratch with SW 'starter' option. For those involved in the Pioneer program, their sites cannot be made live production sites, there will need to be new production sites created. If you work on 'Local' that work cannot be migrated across to the final SW domain.

A hold up at the moment is getting the SW Ts & Cs agreed with the lawyers. Each u3a will be required to accept these for SW use.

The SW volunteer team are still not keen to publishing a full migration programme until they get more track record for time to migrate each u3a. But previous communications have talked about the schedule being 'through 2024'. However it is hoped that with confidence and more experience then in due course there will be acceleration overall.

A number of useful interesting sites were shared:

<https://siteworks.u3a.org.uk/>

<https://u3awpdev.org.uk/>

To see whole are now the 'pioneer' u3as trying out SW then look here:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KmP4j9I\\_ihK8SWYhoM0Hu7mpZB36OeE&ll=54.794494901745%2C12.918356513426156&z=4](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1KmP4j9I_ihK8SWYhoM0Hu7mpZB36OeE&ll=54.794494901745%2C12.918356513426156&z=4)

There is also a weekly news (email) round up if you sign up to receive it at: [admin](#)

As advised at the presentation by Nick Talbott at the Let's Talk Tech session, the SW team are now considering some level of interconnection to Beacon. However this might not be part of the initial base offering but will be a future upgrade. The Trust also has an independent consultant looking at this (& the longer term future of Beacon).

2. **Analytics:** Previous action was for all to send in suggestions so these could be forwarded to the SW team. But actually they are now already looking at that (& standard WP analytics plug ins available). So this should become part of the standard SW offering. There is still a problem with the cumulative stats on SB – arising from the SB crash last year. The numbers are ok for current / going forward but corrupted for 'To Date'. The SB Volunteers are aware and may be fixed before migration but maybe not. For u3as with a YouTube account: YT now offer an integrated analytics function (similar to parent company Google Analytics but actually simpler & hence better).
3. **Open Discussion:** nothing really raised. Question raised about how broad this groups remit – did it cover Beacon and other IT aspects. Answer: yes.
4. **Review of actions:** two from last meeting cleared, one remaining: DH to organise a physical meeting in due course. No new actions arising.

5. **AOB:** nothing

Send any suggestions for agenda items for our next meeting to Derek; SW will probably be on each future agenda.....

**Next Meeting:**

Generally all meetings to be: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, every 3 months (ie **13 Nov**) at 16.30.

There will probably be an additional meeting, a physical only meeting, for those interested in June.