

LRU3A – IT/WEB PEER GROUP

MEETING – 12th February 2024, 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.
1	Abbeywood & Thamesmead	???		
2	Barnet	Mick O'Reilly		
3	Beckenham	Liz Tarrant	1	
4	Bexley	Paul Wilkins		
5	Bromley	David Moody		
6	Crouch End & District	Julian Osley		
7	Croydon	Mary Randell		
8	Dagenham & District	Felicity Hawksley		
9	Dulwich	David Beamish	1	
10	Ealing	Phil Broomsgrove (PB) Jurek Narozanski		1
11	Enfield	Gaye Illsley		
12	Hackney	Hettie Roelofs, Tony Hollingsworth	1	
13	Hammersmith and Fulham	Graham Tigg	1	
14	Harrow	Kathy Westhead		
15	Havering	Brian Hudson		
16	HGS	David Powers		
17	Hillingdon	Tony Kemp		
18	Hounslow	Sally Eggett		1
19	Islington	Derek Harwood (DH) Vivek Nanda (VN)	1	
20	Kenton	Dick Nathan		
21	Merton	David Lusty		
22	Mill Hill	Richard Driscoll		
23	Northwood	Malcolm Bentote		
24	North London	Mike Christie (MC)	1	
25	Norwood	Nick Trotman		
26	Orpington	Roger Howe Mo Childs		
27	Palmers Green	Frances Halliday /Pat Bleach / Yvonne Marr / Sheena Thorne		
28	Redbridge & District	Lennart Christensen		
29	Richmond upon Thames	David Wood		
30	SE London	Mark Serebriakoff Martha Fox	1 1	
31	Stanmore District	Martin Carr	1	

32	Sidcup	Trevor Ford		
33	Sutton	Phil Thomas		
34	Tower Hamlets	Peter Sellars		
35	u3a in London	Shafeeq Siffiqui Mari-Ange King		
36	Upminster	Richard Strauss		
37	Waltham Forest	Jane Harrington	1	
38	Wandsworth	Andy Carr	1	
39	Welling	Maria Guest-Naharnowicz		
40	Surrey Network	Ian Funnell		

AGENDA:

1. Status SiteWorks – report back from Let’s Talk Tech presentation
2. Open discussion
3. Review of Actions Arising
4. AOB

DISCUSSIONS

1. **Sitebuilder (SB) Replacement/ SiteWorks (SW):** thanks were again offered to Palmers Green & Southgate u3a for their (1st December) presentation on their experience of the migration process from SB to SW. Copy of their presentation is on the LRU3A Sharing webpage. There had now also been a presentation by Nick Talbott (one of the Leads on SW) at the Lets Talk Tech forum. This is now also on the LRU3A Sharing webpage. DH took the meeting through those slides. Shows the difference between the ‘migration’ route and the ‘starter’ route. Shows progress to date – the growing number of u3as ow live on SW. The schedule issued before gives a priority (based on when u3as/ networks registered for wanting to migrate). It doesn’t give a definite date on when each site migration will happen. But on discussions it seemed if anything the SW volunteer team were ahead of this schedule – but caution was expressed as, as more migrate, and some of the large u3as, then might take longer. The time also dependent on the u3as – how quick they were in reviewing and accepting the SW Terms & Conditions. Many u3as are now being issued the Ts & Cs (through Beacon to registered Chairs & Webmasters) to allow a stock of u3as with accepted Ts & Cs to be then ready for migration. Therefore: make sure you are on the list, you are registered for migration; & make sure you turnaround the Ts & Cs quickly. Overall those that have migrated are happy – with the proceed, support, & result. Many then take time after migration to fix the add error (eg broken links) but also then the realisation they have more work to do in updating content. A list of the u3as live on SW has been added to Nick’s slides. Nick used these to show that, while there is a base SW ‘instance’ there is still a lot of flexibility in layout and even functions. Some u3as are adding their own plug-ins (although these are then not supported by the SW Team). Priority is being to those electing the migration route. Support for the starter route will only be available after the 700 SB sites are migrated.

The general site for SW information is (as issued last meeting & repeated here):

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

2. **Open Discussion:** a few general points were raised:
MC mentioned issues re ‘DMRAC’. Google are trying to tighten up on security and may ask you/ Google account holders to add some information to your account (for verification). Also seems Mailchimp are trying to combat mass scammers (change to ‘DNS Records’) and are creating a (Mailchimp) alias email address for use with Audiences. This can mean (for u3as

using Mailchimp) that your Newsletters are going into members scam/junk folders. Members need to know this to then check their junk folder and mark this relevant email as 'Not Junk' or add the alias to their Contacts list. Then they've receive future Mailchimp emails normally.

MC highlighted that (for those not using the free SW hosting service) that 'Krystal' offer free website hosting for charities.

DH highlight that although Zoom had tightened up on their security, there was a Network Link meeting where they were 'bombed'. 'Woodpecker' joined the meeting briefly, posted some chats, then left. Watch who you admit to your meetings.

3. **Review of actions:** one remaining: DH to organise a physical meeting in due course (Spring/ Summer). No new actions arising
4. **AOB:** nothing
Send any suggestions for agenda items for our next meeting to Derek.

Next Meeting:

Generally all meetings to be: 2nd Monday, every 3 months (ie next meeting: 13 May) at 16.30.