

Minutes of the London Region of u3a's Tenth Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 21 October 2022 via Zoom

Jenny Wilson welcomed the attendees and stated that she would be the Chair for the AGM.

- 1 Confirmation of a Quorum
 - a. The Chair stated that the meeting was Quorate, and that each u3a present had one vote
- 2 Minutes of the Ninth AGM held on 22 October 2021 (previously disseminated)
 - a. No errors were identified. The acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Sidcup and seconded by Bromley.
- 3 Matters Arising from the above Minutes
 - a. There were no matters arising.
- 4 Receive and Adopt Accounts for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 (previously disseminated)
 - a. The Treasurer, Jim Jenkins, referred the attendees to the written report already circulated. He reported a deficit of £97 for the year.
 - b. The Treasurer stated that the profit for the Summer School had been offset by the lunch costs.
 - c. The Treasurer reported that the Third Age Trust had paid £700 for Zoom Meetings. Sandy Boden (Bromley) asked if the Trust would continue to pay in light of the defeat at the National AGM of the resolution to increase the fee paid by individual groups to National. The Treasurer was unable to give an answer. But John Bent stated that he believed the Trust would continue the payments.
 - d. Jim Jenkins announced that he had completed six years in the post as Treasurer and was retiring from the post. He was thanked by the Chair for his work on the Committee.

- e. The acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Merton and seconded by Barnet. The vote was then taken and there was one abstention. The Accounts were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 5 To elect the Independent Examiner of Accounts for the forthcoming year
 - a. Jim Jenkins agreed to become the Examiner of Accounts, as he was no longer the Treasurer.
 - b. The Chair proposed Jim and this was seconded by Sidcup. The vote was taken, and Jim Jenkins appointed as the Examiner.
- 6 Resolutions
 - a. None
- 7 To Elect Officers and Committee Members to the Executive Committee

5 nominations had been received

Vice Chair (London North of Thames)	Derek Harwood	Standing for election
Vice Chair (London South of Thames)	Jenny Wilson	Standing for re-election
Treasurer	John Bent	Standing for election
Peer Support Groups Coordinator	Liz Day	Standing for election
Communications Coordinator	Vivek Nanda	Standing for re-election

The posts of Chair, Business Secretary, PR Advisor and Events Co-ordinator received no nominations and remain vacant.

The Chair stated that there would be one vote for all the five nominations, and they would not be done individually. The meeting voted unanimously for the five members who were nominated.

- 8 News updates and reports from the Committee and Regional Trustees
 - a. A number of written reports had been circulated with the AGM papers. The Chair highlighted some of the information.
 - b. In the period March 2019 to March 2022 the London Region membership had dropped by 20%. The Trust, as a whole, had lost 62,000 members for the period.
 - c. The Third Age Trust is trying to raise the profile of u3a to attract new members.
 - d. The London Region had been unsuccessful over the last year in filling the 4 vacancies it has, and they continue to be vacant.
 - e. Between September 2021 and April 2022 the London Region had put on 18 Zoom talks.
 - f. John Bent informed the meeting that he was no longer a Regional Trustee after doing a 5 year term. He thanked the u3a groups for how they handled the Covid challenges. He highlighted that u3a is a voluntary organisation and so new members need to participate in all areas of u3a activity. He thanked the meeting for electing him as the London Region Treasurer
 - g. Chris Bulford (Islington) asked if there was a percentage comparison of the loss of membership in London against the loss Nationally. John Bent responded by saying the National loss was higher than the 20% loss of members across London. He stated that the Third Age Trust isn't complacent about the membership drop and there is healthy recruitment taking place. But one issue he highlighted was that u3a isn't well known enough.
- 9 Dates of Delegate Meetings 2023
 - a. Friday 20 January (online)
 - b. Friday 21 April (physical)
 - c. Friday 21 July (online)
 - d. Friday 20 October + AGM (online)
- 10 A.O.B.
 - a. No other business was raised.

APPENDIX Attendance

	Present	Apologies
Committee & other posts		
Chair	vacancy	
Vice-Chair North		Derek Harwood
Vice-Chair, South	Jenny Wilson	
Secretary	vacancy	
Treasurer	Jim Jenkins	
Learning Coordinator		
Communications Coordinator	Vivek Nanda	
Public Relations Advisor	Rodney Fox	
Webmaster	vacancy	
Talks & Summer School	Catherine Ware	
Research Ambassador	Jo Livingston	
SLP Coordinator	vacancy	
Third Age Trust		
London Region Trustee(retiring)	John Bent	
u3a Representatives		
Abbeywood & Thamesmead		
Barking & Dagenham		
Barnet	(V) Rosemary Mayes	
Beckenham		
Bexley	(V) Wendy Scott	Sandra Goulding
Brent		
Bromley	(V) Sandy Boden	Angela Dowling
Crouch End	(V) Sally Whitaker, Edmond Cohen	
Croydon	(V) David Apps	
Dulwich & District		Liz Day
Ealing	(V) Derek Atkinson	
Enfield	(V) Michael Witter	
Hackney		
Hammersmith & Fulham	(V) Sue Adams	
Hampstead Garden Suburbs	(V) Richard Abramson, Arjun Matthai	
Harrow		Anne Gerrard
Havering		
Hillingdon		
Hillingdon South		
Hounslow		
Islington	(V)Sally Fox Chris Bulford	
Kenton	(V) Diana O'Reardon	

Kingston		Linda Foreman
Merton	(V) David Drummond	
u3a Representatives cont'd	Present	Apologies
Mill Hill		
North London	(V) Michael Jones	
Northwood & District	(V) Rob Thomasson	
Norwood	(V) Judith Foskett	
Orpington		
Palmers Green & Southgate	(V) Val Girling	
Redbridge	(V) Lynda Ingram	
Richmond		
Sidcup	(V) Sandra Applegate	
SouthEast London/London SE		
Stanmore	(V) Martin Carr	
Sutton Area	(V) Graham Vincent	
Tower Hamlets		
U3A in London (Belsize Park)	(V) Maggie Crawford	
Upminster		
Waltham Forest	(V) Barbara Humm	Dorrit Okoye
Wandsworth		
Wanstead & Woodford		
Welling	(V) Maria Guest-Naharnowicz, Marlene Hunter	
TOTALS	23/42 (55%) LR u3as represented altogether 23 Voting Delegates (55% of LR u3as) 19 u3as not represented (of which 3 sent apologies)	