

## **Proposed Changes to Much Wenlock u3a Constitution 2023**

### **1. Change the name of the u3a from “Much Wenlock and District u3a” to “Wenlock, Broseley and District u3a”**

**Rationale:** An increasing number of members are being drawn from the Broseley area, which has a slightly larger population than Much Wenlock and does not have a u3a of its own. The change seeks to reflect this and the increased number of activities now being held in the Broseley area.

#### ***Changes to Constitution***

##### ***1. NAME***

The name of the charity is Much Wenlock and District U3A hereinafter referred to as ‘The U3A’.

**Replace** “Much Wenlock and District” by “Wenlock, Broseley and District”.

##### ***3. OBJECT***

The object of the U3A is:

i) The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development residing in Much Wenlock and its surrounding locality.

**Replace** “Much Wenlock and its surrounding locality” with “Much Wenlock, Broseley and the surrounding locality”

### **2. Change the maximum limit of periods of service as Officers from three years to six years for Vice Chairmen and to ten years in total.**

**Rationale:** Much Wenlock u3a is a small u3a (250 members) and it has not been always easy to find new members to fill the Officer posts. This has sometimes meant that posts have needed to be filled after the AGM by existing committee members in “Acting” Officer roles as they have exceeded the current length of Officer service under the constitution. The proposed change seeks to ease the situation and allow election of experienced Officers by the AGM. No change is sought to the current limit of three years for the Chairman. \\

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### **7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

#### *viii) Limit on periods of service of the other Officers*

The following limits apply to periods of service as Officers:

- (a) An individual may serve not more than six consecutive years as Treasurer or Secretary. He/she may not then be appointed to any other Officer role. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Treasurer or Secretary serves less than this period, he/she could then stand for appointment as Chairman or for another Officer role.

**Replace** “Treasurer or Secretary” by “Treasurer, Secretary or Vice Chairman”

**Delete** “or for another Officer role” as there are no other Officer posts, other than Chairman, which is limited to three years in the preceding item 7 vii.

- (b) An individual may serve not more than three consecutive years in any other Officer role.

**Delete** this item as there are no other Officer posts, other than Chairman, which is limited to three years in the preceding item 7 vii.

- (c) An individual may serve not more than six years in various different Officer roles (subject to the provisions regarding the terms of office of the Treasurer and Secretary). For the avoidance of doubt, an individual who has served as a non-Officer member of the Executive Committee is permitted to then serve up to that six year period in various different Officer roles.

**Replace** “six years” by “ten years” and “ “six year period” by “ten year period”

**Replace** “Treasurer or Secretary” by “Treasurer, Secretary or Vice Chairman”

We would also propose to replace “U3A” by “u3a” throughout the constitution.