



NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: 30 MAY 2022

Notice Dated 3 May 2022

Dear Member,

At the Special General Meeting called for 25 April 2022 the attendance failed to reach the required attendance of 20% of the membership. We are therefore required to hold a second Special General Meeting which will be at 2.30pm on Monday 30 May 2022, at Exning Road Club, before the scheduled speaker meeting.

As stated in the constitution, approved by the Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission, the attendance shall be regarded as quorate for the consideration of the motion, regardless of the number attending.

The agenda remains as for the previous meeting and is set out below.

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Consideration of the PROPOSAL TO RAISE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO £12.50
4. Vote on the adoption of the proposal.
5. Any Other Business of particular relevance and urgency
6. Close of the SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There are a number of reasons for this proposal:

1. The annual fee has remained at £10.00 for some years now, while our costs have steadily increased. These costs include room hire for our group meetings and speakers meetings, fees to the Third Age Trust, licenses and insurances required for us to function legally.
2. During the years of the pandemic we had virtually no income, (the Exec Committee decided that it would be unfair to charge a fee when there were no group meetings other than online), but still had expenses as described above.
3. Our philosophy differs from many U3As in that we function as one unit rather than independent interest groups. This means that we can support the smaller groups, allowing minority interests to continue. It also means that we can maintain the meeting costs at around £1.50, whereas many groups would be charging £5.00 or more for each meeting.
4. Newmarket U3A owns and maintains equipment required for the various groups. This has to be maintained and replaced as necessary.

If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies and any comments upon the matter to Joanne Garner, Secretary, Newmarket U3A, 26 Mill Hill, Newmarket, CB8 0JB
email: garnerfoleyj@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Young

Chairman, Newmarket U3A