

SUDBURY GROUP OF THE THIRD AGE TRUST

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 10th October 2023

Present: Brian Orton, Tony Lee, Dorothy Beal, Ian Mathews, Richard Thomas, , Brian Hemmings, Anita Tuddenham, Colette Bentley, Jennie Leech, John Freeborn, Nicola Godwin, Derek Connah, Terry Straight, Lyn Gray (observing)

1. **Apologies** – Bruce Clegg
2. **Minutes of 8th August 2023** - approved and signed by Brian Orton.
3. **Matters Arising from 8th August.**
 - 3.4 No legal restraints
 - 3.5 Legacy – Brian put forward a few ideas, a bench was the favoured suggestion. Tony will Research with the local council how this might be undertaken TL
 - 4.4 First Aid feedback – Room, trainer and trainees was booked then cancelled. Ian is working On a new date, it is now down to 5 or 6 people. IM
 6. U3A day – another successful day at least 5 new members. Ian thanked everyone. One Possible associate member. One observation, need a banner for the gazebo. IM
 9. Working Party on website – Brian and Ian, suggestion on the events page a pointer to the Coffee mornings dates. Brian O said the groups page is out of date. Brian H explained he Requires regular editorials about individual groups. He also explained about the pigeon Symbol (leads to an email for messages).
 9. Calligraphy group update – there was a fantastic meeting, 35 active members, however, Some supplies are needed, (paper and inks). Members will be asked for five pounds Initially to cover costs. Further requests will be made as needed. TS
 14. Constitution – covered in the Chair’s report – no change.
 - 16.1 Policy reviews are now on the website.
 - 16.2 East of England Bulletin, this has ceased now. Brian will try to work out another means to send this out. BO
4. **Chair’s Report**

For social prescribing Jean is now our contact at the doctor’s so might be more pro-active. We are a lifeline for the “lonely” not medical.
At the 2024 AGM four members will be standing down, so we need new members for the Committee. We need an Accounts examiner, adverts will be placed on website and elsewhere It involves once a year check, about 2 day’s work.
The next AGM will be 27th February 2024.
The National AGM there will be two resolutions to vote on. Resolution 3 networks Brian is suggesting “no” vote for this. Resolution 4 is more complicated Royston and Tring’s proposal is to increase members from 388,000 to 500,000. Individual U3A’s should increase their own membership. New U3A’s should be encouraged, not local recruiting, Brian suggested a “No” vote to this.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**

We are in a good place financially; it is a work in progress and still needs work by some Individual groups. TL
6. **Secretary’s Report**

Dates and venues need to be confirmed and finalised for 2024. DB
7. **Speaker’s Secretary Report**

Colette, Anita and Conrad will arrange to meet to produce a new programme CB/AT
8. **Group Co-ordinator’s Report** – nothing to add to the report provided.
9. **Membership Secretary’s Report**

We currently have 885 members, Su3an and link seem to work now. Richard will contact Local employers HR to add information to their retirement packs. RT

10. **Webmaster Report**

A report was sent. Brian would like to remove pre 2017 Su3ans and older Minutes. He won't do anything until we are ensured back-ups are in place. Brian O will sort out some missing files and send these through to Brian H. BO/BH

11. **Communications/Publicity** – nothing to report.

12. **Beacon**

Spell-check is now on Beacon, nothing else to report.

13. **Draft Programme for 2024**

Saturday 6th June – Health Awareness Day

May – tbc – Group Leaders Lunch

September – tbc- U3A day

14. **Holiday Approval**

Weston-Super- Mare 22nd to 26th January 2024, agreed and signed off. BO

AOB

Brian was approached by a School Readers site who are interested in volunteers in schools

It was agreed they could do a short talk at one of the monthly meetings. CB

Council meetings – Brian will send these out to each committee member. BO

Meeting concluded at 11:50 am.

Next Meeting 12th December 2023 at 10 am at Christopher Centre.

Signed:



Date:

12/12/23