



TADLEY AND DISTRICT U3A

Registered Charity No. 1150232

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 11am

at Tadley Community Centre

Executive Committee Members Present: Gloria Bailey, Mike Batson, Jacki Cassidy, Sue Geater, Colin Hewitt, Roland Higgins, Carol Phipps, George Porter,, Steve Sharpe

U3A Members Present: 91

	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Opening Remarks</u></p> <p>Colin Hewitt [Chair] thanked members for their attendance. He noted that the period under review was the year April 2021 to March 2022, a period during which our u3a was half open and half closed, due to the disruption to our activities caused by Covid lockdowns and restrictions.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the 9th AGM held on 20th January 2022</u></p> <p>Acceptance of Minutes: prop David Gent; seconded Linda Mead; carried nem con</p>	
<p>3. <u>Report for 2021 – 2022</u></p> <p>Our activities were severely impacted by Covid restrictions until around September 2021. In anticipation of this we had extended 2020/2021 membership by a year until the end of the 2021/2022 year in March 2022.</p> <p>Groups started up quickly, outdoor groups first, followed by those in halls, with most now up and running.</p> <p>A new membership system was installed and handled this year's renewals with no problems and should prove to be invaluable to anybody involved with the membership and Group leaders should they choose to use it.</p> <p>Colin thanked the Executive Committee, group leaders and their assistants for their time and effort in keeping T&D U3A going during a difficult period.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Group Co-ordinator's Report</u></p> <p>The U3A Groups like everything else were put on hold in March 2020 and during that summer the outside groups such as Walking and Bird & Wildlife were able to get back in socially distance groups of 6 and this gradually improved into the Autumn when we could start meeting in doors again. However, many of the indoor groups have still not got back to their full strength and some have even closed due to lack of interest. We are still trying to keep some struggling groups alive but it does need the support of the members.</p>	

The Rev Pat Brown, who was the recorder group leader has sadly passed away and we have given our condolences to her family. I am pleased to say the group have decided to continue for which I am sure Pat would be delighted to hear.

We are looking for some to help with the Family History group which has been very popular and it would be a shame to have to close the group. Also, the Theatre group needs some members to take over from Ann-Marie who has done an excellent job for many years. It does not have to be one person to run a group it can be 2 or 3 to work together.

Sue Geater has offered to help Christine with the lunch group for which I would like to say a big thank you, I am pleased to say that with support from the group we will be continuing with Lunch once a month., which I know is popular with many of you.

We have one new group starting in the Autumn. It is Yoga and by the response we have had seems to be very popular.

If anyone has any ideas for a new group and is willing to help set it up and run it along with help please contact Jacki Cassidy at tanddu3a@gmail.com . Running a group is best shared with one or two others and then what might seem a difficult task can be a very rewarding one.

I would like to end by saying that if any Group leader needs help you will not be left to struggle just contact either myself or another committee member, we are always available.

5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts (previously circulated)

As we had extended the previous membership year there was very little member income during this period. We did incur some costs when things started warming up in September.

We had an income of £438 from new membership fees versus an expenditure of £12250 leaving us with a deficit of £11800. We started with a significant balance so our overall finances remain healthy but all our costs are increasing - u3a capitation by 50p, Beacon membership system £1, no gift aid for 2020-2021 (£1600), increases in hall hire. To maintain this healthy position we raised the membership fee to £15.00. However taking the financial hit of extending the membership was affordable because of our reserves, and justified by sustaining the membership numbers.

Accept of Report: proposed Mike Batson; seconded Roland Higgins; carried nem con

6. Appointment of Officers

Three nominations had been received for Officers of the Tadley & District U3A.

These members were elected unopposed to the following roles:

Chairman	Colin Hewitt
Deputy Chairman	Roland Higgins [appointed by the Executive Committee]
Treasurer	Steve Sharpe
Secretary	George Porter

Proposed: Mike Cassidy, seconded: Mike Batson

<p>7. <u>Election of Executive Committee Members</u></p> <p>The following members were elected unopposed to the Executive Committee:</p> <p>Mike Batson, Jacki Cassidy, Sue Geater, Carol Phipps.</p> <p>Proposed: Chris Bridger, seconded: Jenny Batson</p>	
<p>8. Questions</p> <p>David Gent asked if the Committee was satisfied with the new BEACON membership system and if access to it was likely to be available to Group organisers, and was re-assured on both points.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Closing remarks</u></p> <p>We currently have 40-odd groups but as I've already said they're not all guaranteed to survive. Although the role of group leader is not especially onerous, they do need help from other member of the group, you cannot expect the group leader to be the one who always comes up with the new ideas group. Members do need to contribute so remember that each time you pay your £1 somebody has organised the meeting, taken and recorded the funds and dealt with the Treasurer.</p> <p>The same request goes out for new committee members, we're currently have space for at least 4 new ones so do think about it.</p> <p>On the upside it looks as though we're going to start this year with a membership of about 700 which although a drop on that before the lockdown is encouraging, so thanks to all our old and new members for supporting your u3a.</p> <p>And finally thanks as usual to all of our group leaders, their supporters, the tea & coffee team and especially to the other members of the committee who help to keep your u3a running.</p>	
<p>10. AOB - None</p>	
<p>11. Next Annual General Meeting: 20th July 2023</p>	SEC

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:40

Signed:

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