

Minutes of the u3a meeting on Tuesday 11th October 2022

This meeting was held at 21 Holybrook Gardens.

Welcome to those present :-

Dianne Hammersley (DH), Judith Sims (JS), Pam Benson (PB), George Pickburn (GP), Janice Myatt (JM), Sue Snape (SS), Bob Goodson (BG), Simon Hamersley (SH), Brian Mason (BM).

Apologies :-

Kumi Coultard and Audrey Swanson.

Committee:-

GP proposed that Brian Mason be elected on the committee and SH seconded the proposal. He was welcomed onto the committee.

DH thanked JS for hosting the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2022.

The minutes were agreed and signed off.

Matters arising :-

A rose bush has been planted in the front of Victory Hall and a plaque has been purchased.

The laptop has been a problem however JM will try it again on Friday to sign in members and if it's still not working properly, it will be decided whether to purchase a new one.

Botley u3a – Two of our members attended the inaugural meeting and it was reported that out of all the people who attended nobody volunteered to be on the committee.

Two coordinators of the new group, Geoff and Ann Warden have asked to attend our next meeting.

Treasurers Report:-

The accounts, which were created by Beacon, were presented and showed a balance of £ 8,463.13.

We don't have to decide yet but GP thought that the subscriptions for next year should be £10 per person.

This will cover any inflation costs and is still good value as a few years ago the price was £25.

He thought it would be interesting to find out what other u3a's charge.

New flags and plastic desk stands have been purchased.

To identify committee members at meetings BM has found a number of sources for enamel badges however, we need to decide what is needed.

Speakers :-

PB reported that she has managed to get Andy Thomas to give a talk on Crop Circle Mysteries for this

Fridays meeting. His fee is £120 plus travel costs.

PB thought that it would be a good idea for her to have an assistant who would be able to take over after next year's AGM.

Membership :-

BG reported that there are now 237 members.

Groups :-

The book club will be starting on Wednesday 12th October.

Current Affairs will be taken over by Mike Pinder.

Weather watching has no one interested at the moment but will be promoted at Friday's meeting.

There is a pantomime at Titchfield Theatre in December which is open to all members.

SH asked if he should email new members or refer them to Beacon to let them know who the committee are. He also asked if anyone on the committee objected to their details being given out.

SS said that there are some members who do not have access to the internet. She suggested that the group leaders could keep them up to date with phone calls. SH said we can also keep members informed by post.

Group Leaders Lunch :-

SS said she will need a budget and to know whether it should be at a restaurant or at Victory Hall.

JM said that she has some soft drinks which were left over from the Jubilee Celebrations.

SS and JS will organize something for the Spring of 2023.

Copyrights :-

SH asked GP if we have any copyright on using sheet music.

Areas are a bit woolly about what is covered by the u3a license's.

It appears written and graphic is covered but not music.

GP suggested that SH gets clarification from the main u3a. SS said that there are contacts listed on the website for each subject.

Anniversary Celebrations :-

This will take place in January 2023. JM said there are still some places left.

Details have not been finalized and no deposits have been requested.

Coffee morning:-

The newcomer's coffee morning was very good with 5 new members attending.

DH suggested that it might be nice to have a coffee morning for everybody not just new members.

St Mary's Church Warsash:-

On Sunday December 4th at 4.0pm there is to be a Salvation Army Concert in the church where people will be asked to bring contributions for a food bank.

GP said we ourselves cannot collect the donations, but we can notify the members that the concert is taking place.

Covid:-

The cases of Covid seem to be on the increase.

SH asked if this should be raised at the meeting to make people more aware.

JM wondered if it was necessary to bring it up at the meeting and BM thought it might be alarmist.

JS asked if she should mention there are masks available at the monthly meeting.

A.O.B:-

Locks Heath Junior School would like it mentioned at the meeting that there are vacancies for Governors.

Volunteers are needed to produce the Warsash u3a News Letter.

JS is still getting emails meant for the Secretary. At the moment she is forwarding them to SH but asked that it be sorted as soon as possible.

Gareth Hamilton Fletcher has asked DH to make members aware that there is a course available for volunteers of the Warsash Speed Watching. JS said that if DH mentions it at the meeting, she suggests that members contact Gareth directly.

Titchfield Haven tea rooms are being sold by the council and there is a petition against this, DH wondered if she should mention it at the meeting.

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

DB Hammsley
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