

Minutes of the Warsash U3a Committee 7 September 2022

1. Welcome. The chair welcomed everyone including BM at his first meeting as a committee member. Thank you to JS for hosting.
2. Present: Dianne Hammersley (DH), Judith Sims(JS), George Pickburn (GP), Bob Goodson (BG), Audrey Sawdon (AS), Sue Snape (SS), Jan Myatt (JM), Brian Mason (BM) Also Dave Snape (DS) was welcomed as a visitor and our website co-ordinator.
3. Apologies : Pam Benson (PB), Kumi Coulthard (KC)).
4. Tribute was paid to John Robinson, an early member of the group whose absence will be sadly missed. GP and DH said the wake was well attended; GP reported that the family would like copies of photos of John at the U3a- please send to GP who will forward them. GP will also ask if the photo on the website which includes John can stay.
5. Minutes of last meeting. The minutes were approved.
6. Minutes to go onto website. It was agreed that the past minutes and all future minutes would be available on the website. Action - SH, GP, DS
7. Matters Arising. GP confirmed that the resignation of the previous secretary and the appointment of SH as secretary have been notified to the Charities Commission and to the U3a.
8. Warsash Festival. Thanks were given to the sterling work setting up and removing the stand at the festival, and for the time spent on the stall talking to anyone enquiring. For future years, the double spot was very successful, but there were not enough leaflets or membership forms for the day as there were a lot of people interested. GP suggested buying business cards in addition to leaflets from the U3a branding centre. Action - ??BG
9. Treasurers report. Pouches for membership cards have been bought and passed to BG. GP to start looking at next years sub and give proposals, still with the aim of reducing the surplus. The amount included in publicity was mainly the new banners. The report was approved.
10. Membership report. Currently 236 members so numbers are still increasing. It was rumoured that Hedge End U3a is closing.
11. Speakers report. PB was absent but she provided a list of proposed speakers going forward to June next year. October - Titanic escape; November- Russel Coates museum; January - Indian Railway travels; February - Native Indian items; March- ?? AGM; April - Victorian murder stories; May - an author; June - A solo walk across Africa. Thanks to PB for her efforts. It was discussed that a 2nd person should assist PB to make it easier to choose a wide variety of talks. DH to ask PB. The December meeting to be planned at a future committee meeting. Action DH.
12. Group news. Craft, Art, Cinema and Music groups have all started up and had successful meetings, The Cooking Together group is having a meeting in September to discuss its way ahead. The recorder group is recruiting and considering having a beginner group. There may be a books group and a Cribbage group starting if leaders are found. Martin Harris is willing to start a photography group.
The groups that had used Johns house now need new venues. KC has offered to host the wine tasting. The cafe society was discussed; Marianne was thanked for the offer of her house but it was decided that it be an imposition and it would be better to pay for a room in Victory Hall. Action JS to book
SS would like new members to be pointed towards her so she can explain the groups.

13. Laptop, JM says the laptop used for attendances is still very slow. DS agreed to have a look at it with her in the hope of switching off all of the updates, and to understand how swiping in the attendees is linked to the laptop; if it cannot be improved it was agreed that a new laptop should be bought. Action JM and DS

14. Newsletter. David and Robin have resigned from producing the newsletter. All agreed that they had been doing a wonderful job and the newsletter always looked very professional. The future format to be discussed at a future meeting but may have to be less frequent, or just a simple newsletter. Action DH

15. Rose bush & plaque. The rose bush has been planted at Victory Hall and has flowered. It was agreed that JS and DH could order the plaque to match another nearby plaque. GP asked for the receipt. Action JS & DH

16. Botley u3a. DH reported that there is a possible new group being set up in Botley. They have asked for a few members to attend the inaugural meeting to chat to possible members - 28 September @2pm at The Market Hall, 11 High St Botley. Several committee members agreed to go.

17. Currently in the cupboard are the new banners, the old display boards, the old flag, and soon the microphone kit will be in there. If anyone uses the microphone, please recharge the batteries afterwards. JS has the key to the cupboard, the Hall manager also has a master key.

18. Notifying Committee changes. Done as stated earlier.

19. Newcomers coffee morning. It was agreed to try and book the Bartholomew room at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 27 Sept for 10-12. Action JS

20. Lunch. It was agreed that a January lunch worked better than a Christmas one.. JM agreed to approach Lucianos possibly for 12 January

21. AOB. JM reported that the Strictly trip had to be cancelled due to the high cost of coaches but some people may still go in private cars.

It was discussed if there was a way to differentiate committee members from other members to make it easier for members to know who to ask about any matter. BM to look out for metal committee badges, Possibly also put photos on a display board. SH is producing a new members handout sheet.

There were a couple of articles missed out of the recent newsletter - perhaps the website could use them

22. Date, The next meeting will be on Tues 11 October at 2pm, probably at JS's house..

DB Wammesley

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