



**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**2pm Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**at Abbey Fields Community Centre, Back Lane, Winchcombe**

- 53 members were recorded as attending and this constituted a quorum for the meeting to proceed.
- Phil Hawthorn, Vice Chair opened the meeting and apologies were received from John Hilton (Chair) and Janet & Phil Bidwell
- The Minutes from last year's meeting had been circulated to members ahead of time and should/could therefore be taken as read. Members voted unanimously to approve these as a true record.
- John Hilton had prepared a report of the year's activities on behalf of the Trustees of the U3A. A copy of this had been circulated to all members ahead of the meeting, (see attached.) He thanked the committee for all their efforts over the year to make sure that as much as possible could be done during the Covid Crisis and paid tribute to Richard Slessor, the Newsletter Editor and former Vice Chair who sadly passed away during the year.
- The Treasurer's Financial Statement had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Ian Tucker, advised that the Examiner was very pleased with our accounts, although strictly speaking our turnover does not warrant these needing to be examined.
- There was an opportunity for members to pose questions, but none were received and the Statement of Accounts was approved unanimously with no objections.
- Ian asked members to give authority for the Trustees to appoint an examiner for the forthcoming year. This was approved unanimously by a show of hands.
- No motions or amendments were submitted prior to the AGM
- The next item on the agenda was the election and re – election of Officers and Committee Members for the current year.
- Details of these had been circulated to all members prior to the AGM and nominations forms were received from the following:

### **Officers**

- **Chairman:** Phil Hawthorn
- **Vice Chairmen:** Janet Bidwell
- **Secretary:** Paul McDonald
- **Treasurer:** Ian Tucker

### **Committee Members**

**Jane Hawthorn, John Hurley, Jenny Mackelworth, Diana Smith & Maggie Tucker**

Members present were asked to vote to the proposed committee en masse This was approved unanimously with no objections.

- The incoming chairman, Phil Hawthorn then officially took over and thanked John Hilton on behalf of the committee and membership for his hard work over the previous year.

There being no further questions Phil Hawthorn formally closed the AGM

The AGM officially closed at 14.20h.

**Date of next Annual General Meeting : Tuesday May 9th 2023**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2022 AGM

Our Winchcombe Area U3A has now been running for 5 years, and I am pleased to be able to report its continuing success. Our membership has continued to grow through the year, currently standing at 297, which is approaching the size of membership we achieved before the pandemic struck. Furthermore, as you will see from our treasurer's report our finances are sound and enable us to keep membership subscriptions for 2022-23 to an easily affordable level. We now have some 50 interest groups covering very diverse interests.

At the beginning of this membership year, I was looking forward to our monthly meetings and interest groups starting to meet in person again. It is gratifying to see that this has now happened, although it has taken rather longer than I had expected; the COVID-19 resurgence in the autumn and early winter did discourage some of us from attending meetings in person despite the protection vaccination offered. This was understandable as we tried to ensure we avoided self-isolation that could have prevented much needed family re-unions.

Your committee has continued to provide management of our U3A activities during the year and ensured that relevant developments and changes have been communicated to members in a timely way. A lot of work has been put in by all committee members to keep us running effectively much of which has been invisible to our members. I would like to thank all my fellow committee members for their contributions, and in particular Jenny Mackelworth our Webmaster and our two vice-chairs - Janet Bidwell and Phil Hawthorn. Janet has been the organiser for our monthly meetings, and this has been particularly challenging as the COVID-19 situation led to last minute changes in speakers and sudden reversion to Zoom formats rather than physical meetings. Phil has been the lead on using Zoom, now an essential tool, and the organiser of our successful Zoom Quizzes

**We are also grateful to John Hurley who joined the committee during the year to take on the important job of Newsletter editor. Which of course leads me to pay a further tribute to his predecessor Richard Slessor who sadly passed away during the year. He is much missed.**