**Wirksworth u3a Minutes of A.G.M. held at The Maltings Wirksworth at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**Present:** 40 members of Wirksworth u3a

**Apologies** were received from Penny Ackland and Anne Jennings.

Joy Revell took the Chair for the Meeting.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 7th September 2022 were agreed and approved. A copy of the 2022 AGM Minutes had been posted on the Wirksworth u3a website following the 2022 A.G.M. The Minutes of the 2023 A.G.M. would be posted online when they were available.

**Chair’s Report:** Sheila Harding reported that Wirksworth u3a had enjoyed a successful year. The membership had reached 172 full and associated members. It had been necessary to move from The Memorial Hall to The Maltings.

Activity groups were thriving and there had been additions of a Local History Walks Group, a ‘Losing It!’ Group and the successful revival of ‘Partners in Crime’ Groups.

Encouraging developments had been the continued involvement in local events and co-operation with other local organisations. The Photography Group staged an impressive exhibition as part of the Wirksworth Festival and u3a volunteers had played a part in the Warmer Wirksworth initiative last winter. The Garden Group had developed close ties with local environmental bodies.

There had been some notable Coffee Mornings. One of these prompted a guided visit to the Lumsdale Valley. The Walking Group had undertaken a Holiday Fellowship break in Shropshire and there had been collaboration with events organised with the Derbyshire u3a Network. The ‘Taming the Red Lion’ Project had come to fruition and saw us managing a National Lottery Heritage grant and developing an original, locally devised drama production, ‘Under Pittywood’.

Thanks were due to the Trustees, Penny, Jean, Anne, Joy, Pete, Brian and Derek. A special thank you to Brian and Pete who have now completed their maximum tenure as branch officers. As Treasurer and Secretary they have been lynchpins of the committee. Derek Pollard had stood down as a Trustee at the A.G.M. He had been a founder member of Wirksworth u3a and served as Chair and more recently Vice Chair. Outside the Committee special thanks went to Kay Mathur who has organised an interesting programme of Coffee Morning speakers and to Marvin Harding who designed our posters, adverts and anything else which required wizardry with graphics. Thanks also to all the group co-ordinators who had provided such a fantastic range of activities and organised them so efficiently.

Future aims of Wirksworth u3a included strengthening links with the community and forging new ones, to build on the success of the one-off events and Coffee Mornings and to reach out to anyone eligible to join.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The annual accounts for the year began with a balance of £4,372.57 and by the end of March 2023 showed a balance £4,297.57. During the year the Art Group ceased functioning and had consumed any savings it had accumulated prior to closing. The Bridge Group found that there was insufficient uptake to cover the hall booking fees. The Gardening Group consumed £15.00 on trips. The largest expense was the cost of hall hire and we had been informed that the Town Council intended to increase the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall. Currently there are sufficient reserves in the u3a account to cover this and a change to venues to The Maltings.

**The accounts** **for the Year 2022–23:** These had been audited and verified by Cllr. Andy Jordan and were agreed and approved. His continuing appointment as external auditor for the coming year was also approved.

**Election of Trustees:** Members of the current Trusteesthatindicated that they werewilling to stand for re-election werePenny Acland, Peter Chivers, Sheila Harding, Brian Hebron, Anne Jennings, Joy Revell and Jean Staples. Their election was approved by the members present at the A.G.M.

The following new Trustees were elected to the Committee:

 Hilary Hebron (Proposed: Pete Chivers Seconded: Joy Revell)

 Chris Saunders (Proposed: David Rance Seconded: Jean Staples}

There was a further opportunity for additional Trustees to be elected to the Committee at a later stage.

With the election of the new Wirksworth u3a Trustee’s Committee the following officers were elected:

 Chair: Sheila Harding (Proposed: David Rance Seconded: Pete Chivers)

 Vice Chair: Joy Revell (Proposed: Sheila Harding Seconded: Pete Chivers)

 Secretary: Chris Saunders (Proposed: Jean Staples Seconded: Hilary Hebron)

It was agreed to post a copy of the current Constitution on the Wirksworth u3a website. The Committee would review the Constitution and present proposed amendments to the membership at a future date.

 Joy Revell offered special vote of thanks to Sheila for her tireless efforts in her role of Chairperson in helping to lead Wirksworth u3a through such a successful year. This met with unanimous approval.

The A.G.M. meeting closed at 11.53 a.m.