

**Eastwood U3A Committee Minutes**  
**Of a meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Apologies:** Janet

**Present:** Chris Niven, Margaret Naylor, Keith Sherwood, Barry Doran, Janet Lander

**Observers:** Ann Steel and Chrys Millington

**Minutes:** of the last meeting were approved

**Matters arising:** some ongoing issues – included in other reports

**Group Co-ordinating:** – most are up and running now.

Possible renewed groups – Re-discovering Nottingham (Barbara Gani or David Hale), Bowls and Everyday Science. National Trust has started with smaller numbers, but this may improve. Board Games has not started yet, nor Local History. MOTO has never taken off. Some of our previous group contacts have not renewed their membership. This is probably inevitable due to lockdown and the long gap.

**Chairman :** a short report has been e-mailed out. Chris has seen Janet G, who has stepped down from the committee now, but is now recovering.

**Treasurer :**We still need to sort out Gift Aid. It was suggested that at the next meeting, 5 minutes should be spent talking about Gift Aid. Margaret and Keith are to liaise to update / delete the relevant information on Beacon.

**Business Secretary's Report:** Janet has made contact with Chris Heywood, who organises the booking for the church. Returns for the Third Age Trust need to be sent off, with details of the renewed membership.

**Welfare / Volunteers:** Barry is to send a spreadsheet to Janet and the renewal forms, so that she can approach those who have indicated that they will help in different ways. We need a higher number of volunteers for each session, now that we are providing refreshments. New volunteers need to be found for setting up the tables. Another issue is that those doing the refreshments were really loud during the meeting, despite the intervening wall, and were asked a couple of time to quieten down.

**Membership:** 229 members have renewed, and we are waiting to hear from another 70. Thanks to Keith, who has sorted out the payments, and to Barry,

who has sent out and sorted the renewals. Other U3As have closed during the pandemic, so we are actually doing really well.

**Monthly meeting:** This will be by the Police about Cybercrime. It is hoped that for the June meeting, we will have a live speaker.

**Risk Assessments:** Ann Steel has offered to take this on.

**Online Development:** There were 79 in the church, and another 20 on Zoom. There were issues on the day, but these were resolved, and Ray and his team now understand what caused the problem. They suggested that headphones could be used by those working from the front desk, but that if this doesn't work, then a new mixer would need to be purchased. This was agreed by the committee. The next speaker will in the Church, talking about Cybercrime. It is hoped that in June, we will have a live speaker.

It was agreed that newsletters should be sent out until after the AGM, after which they will be available at the monthly meeting, for those who do not have email.

**Succession Planning:** The calling list is to be sent out after the next meeting, with the names of the existing and new committee members.

We still need someone to stand as chairman. Linda Rothwell has agreed to become the new Speaker Finder, but not actually join the committee. The list of new members and nominations will be displayed in the church at the next meeting.

There will be no meeting in August – Janet to contact the Church.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U3A:** Chris told the committee that there have not been enough responses from the Nottinghamshire U3As for any decisions to have been made.

**A.O.B.** Group contacts are to be asked to check that all their members have their membership cards and have renewed. All new ones should have been renewed from the end of April.

As a thank you to all the group contacts, Chris is offering a choice of four different dates when she will host at her house – to include one hour of business and then a social gathering.

**Date and venue of the next meeting:** Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at Keith's house.