

NOTES ON THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EASTWOOD & DISTRICT U3A
HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 26th 2021

PRESENT:

Chris Niven (CN)
Barry Doran (BD)
Margaret Naylor (MN)
Keith Sherwood (KS)
Peter Hayden (PH)
Jayne Holmes (JH)
Janet Lander (JL)

APOLOGIES:

Janet Gibson (JG)

1. The Chair, Chris Niven, welcomed all those present. Janet Gibson expected to be a little late joining the meeting, but was regrettably unable to attend.
2. Notes taken at the previous Committee Meeting were approved as a true record of that meeting. There are no outstanding actions to be completed.
3. Chair's Report
CN gave a brief report on what had been a very successful annual conference.
4. Membership Secretary's Report
Membership stands at 324.
New members joined since April = 7
A New Members' Coffee Morning, to be held on 2nd November had generated only 9 positive replies from the 29 invitations sent out.
Ray and his team are prepared for the next Monthly Members' Meeting, which will be hybrid (some members in St Mary's, others attending via Zoom). Thanks to MN, who has been the driving force behind this venture.
Membership Cards are no longer available to purchase from U3A. A short discussion ensued on ideas for replacements. Update at next meeting (BD/MN)
5. Treasurer's Report
Community Account Balance. £9987.19
Social Account Balance. £ 0.00
Social Account B Balance. £. 359.80
Alternative payment methods for annual subscriptions were discussed: Treasurer to look at the various systems available (KS)
6. Business Secretary's Report
TAT Training - both were cancelled (Information for Trustees & Interest Groups)
Arrangements for Monthly Meetings at St Mary's to be clarified (bookings and risk assessments/COVID controls) (JH)
Explore facilities available at New Horizon Church, Langley Mill (JH)
7. Group Co-Ordinators' Report
This was given by MN.

Poetry Group starts 2nd December at The Great Northern

History of England - potential change of date
All Things Environment starts November 17th at The Great Northern
MOTO Group - will relaunch January 2022, possibly as a coffee/chat group
French Group - leader will be Pauline Clayton
Psychology Group - leader to be discussed (PH)
The Open Coffee Morning has been closed due to lack of attendees
Gogglebox Group is in development
Everyday Science - awaiting decision on closure or redevelopment

8. Online Development & Admin Officer's Report
46 members attended the October Monthly Meeting to hear Brenda Ainsley speak about the climate crisis. Brenda has agreed to return to talk about COP26 at a later date. This take place on Zoom
No further information on training events has been forthcoming from TAT
No web editor meeting was held in November
A member commented that insufficient information is given in the Groups' column of the newsletter. MN emailed all Group Contacts for day, week, time & venue for their groups; where this information has been supplied, the newsletter has been updated
9. Welfare Officer's Report
Cards have been sent out where appropriate
10. Monthly Members' Meeting
Hand sanitiser specification and brand sourced by JH
Ordered, purchased and collected from Boots by MN
11. Health & Safety
Information to be circulated on completed risk assessments, new guidance for volunteers, COVID, Accident Reporting (JH)
12. Any Other Business
CN to draft an Annual General Memorial statement. An Annual General in memoriam listing for our U3A will begin in 2022
JH had received two notifications of events by TAT. Both are intended to support the U3A in its wider use of publicity, and guide individuals through the use of the online recruitment toolkit.
 - (I) Presentation & Breakout Room Discussion - 15th November and 9th December
10.00 am - 12.00 (zoom)
 - (II) Publicity & Recruitment Workshops - 24th November and 29th December
14.00 - 16.00 (zoom)Contact Jean Hogg directly if you wish to attend (jean.hogg@u3a.org.uk)
13. Next meeting: Tuesday 16th November at 15.30, The Great Northern at Langley Mill Basin

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