

## **Eastwood U3A Committee Minutes**

**Of a meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

**Apologies:** Madeleine Fletcher, Anne Steeland Barry Doran

**Present:** Keith Sherwood, Janet Lander, Linda Rothwell, Marianne Sparrow and Chrys Millington

**Minutes:** of the last meeting were approved. It was realised that Doris is not yet listed under the list of committee members on the Beacon list, so did not receive the email giving the new date for the meeting (postponed due to the Royal Funeral} Janet will contact Doris and will make sure that she is added to the list. Chrys Millington is not receiving the emails, so there may be a mistake on Beacon – to be rectified.

**Committee Roles :** The committee has received an e mail from Margaret, requesting a link member to liaise with the newsletter and website team. This is a very large job and clearly help is needed to reduce the load. The committee expressed their thanks for all that Margaret has done for the U3A in the past, and for her continuing help and expertise. Janet offered to help with the newsletter, and Marianne is to ask Anne if she would be interested in helping with the website. In addition, it will be worth putting out a plea for extra help from members at the next meeting, and in the newsletter. It was also suggested that minutes should be sent out to Margaret soon after the meeting, so that she is kept in the loop.

**Chairman's Report:** Barry is still unwell, and we all hope he will feel better soon.

**Treasurer's Report:** This was sent out in advance. The annual subscription to the U3A has now been paid.

**Membership:** We now have a total of 259 members.

**Volunteers:** Doris has agreed to take on the volunteers role, with the help of Andrea and Janet. Janet to hand over all relevant information at the next meeting. We still don't have any volunteers to put up the tables, so we will ask around in our individual groups.

**Welfare:** A sympathy card has been sent to Caroline Winfield, who has lost her partner.

**Business Secretary's Report:** The Annual Returns have now been completed and submitted.

**Monthly meeting:** There were problems at the last meeting and people at home were unable to get onto Zoom. The problem lay with the use of Barry's laptop, which is password protected and we were locked out. It was arranged that while Barry is unwell, Chrys will pick up his laptop in advance and give it to the tech team to practise, so that we know that we can log on the day. We will try letting people in on Zoom from the hall. Barry can also give us her any appropriate paperwork – signing in sheets, membership cards, etc.

**Speakers:** Linda asked for the yearly budget for speakers to be increased from £1000 to £1,200, which was agreed. It was suggested that it might be easier to book them for several months in advance, so that this can be passed onto the newsletter and website team.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U3A:** On Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, a group is taking the beacon and banner from the Three Ponds in Nuthall at 1.30pm to arrive at The Gate in Kimberley at 2.00pm. In addition, teams of two are going to advertise the U3A in Morrisons' foyer. On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, the flashmob will take place in Highfields Park at 1.30pm. There have been six rehearsals for the flashmob, which have taken place in the Scout Hut. It has been suggested that we give them a donation - £50, which was agreed by the committee. Since as a charity we cannot give a donation, only for services provided, and they are only accepting donations, Marianne is to talk to the Scout leaders and discuss a variety of options so that we can ensure that they are benefited from their generosity.

**Showcase:** a date of Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> was agreed, so that it is not straight after Christmas. Marianne, Madeleine and Anne to meet and feed back to us.

**Publicity:** This can be linked to the Showcase events, when details have been finalised.

**Committee meetings:** The kitchen venue at the Sports Hall was fine – and we thought it a good idea to take it in turns to bring refreshments – tea, coffee, milk. The next meeting will be Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30 – 3.00pm at Greasley Sports Centre. There is an expectation within the budget that we will pay for a venue for this - £24.

**A.O.B.**

Chrys to provide refreshments for the next meeting.

Request for the increase in funding for the Speakers' budget

**Date and venue of the next meeting:** Monday, October 10th 1.30 – 3.00 at

**Approved:**

Chairman -----

Secretary -----