

Eastwood District U3A Executive Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at 1.30 pm at Greasley Community Centre on 17th July 2023

Present: Barry Doran, Keith Sherwood, Janet Lander, Anne Steele, Madeleine Fletcher, Roger Kidd, Paul Bettridge, Sharon Dudley

Apologies: Marianne Sparrow , Marta Stimpson

A warm welcome was offered to Paul Kidd, and the committee expressed their sympathies for his recent loss.

Minutes of Meeting held on 26/06/2023: were accepted

Matters Arising: none

Treasurer's Report: had been sent out by e-mail. For the first time since Covid, it had included the Social B account.

Website: Barry relayed his findings from the Network group (11 replies) which shows that other U3As are not paying for regular updates. Anne will talk to Margaret about this. Keith has significant reservations whether the benefits justify the additional regular expense, on top of what we have already paid out.

Membership Report: We now have 298 members, including four at the last meeting and 19 since April. Barry is still in the process of organising new members' meetings

Groups: There is nothing significant to report. The IT support group has begun – consisting of 1:1 sessions, rather than as a group. There are 14 people who have expressed an interest, so it is clearly meeting a need

New Committee Roles : Roger kindly agreed to take over the role of Speaker Finder. The new members, Marta and Anna, have yet to take on a role. It is hoped that this will be possible at future meetings when they are able to attend

Barry reminded the committee that he intends to step down as membership secretary next year, and needs a trainee – at the moment, there has not been a volunteer

10th Anniversary of Eastwood U3A :It was felt that it would be good to plan an indoor as well as an outdoor event – one suggestion was an outdoor open day / picnic, at Coronation Park, for which a leaflet could be prepared – with the football club as a reserve in case of bad weather. Paul is to check with the Council to see if there are any regulations we need to follow. Another suggestion was Colliers' Wood, although there is no inside space there as a back-up.

Volunteers: There was no report

Newsletter: Very little had been sent to Margaret for August. It is disappointing that some groups do not seem to send anything from their meetings, whilst good that a few do so regularly. A new member has volunteered to help – Mel Watson, which is good

AOB:

Janet still needs to complete the lanyard labels

There will be a display in the library, showing the different volunteer groups, including ours

Date of next meeting: 11th September at 1.30 pm at Greasley Community Centre