

Eastwood U3A Committee Minutes

Apologies: Marianne Sparrow and Roger Kidd

Present: Barry Doran, Keith Sherwood, Janet Lander, Madeleine Fletcher, Doris Fellowes, Sharon Dudley & Paul Bettridge

Sharon and Paul were welcomed as new members of the committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 15/05/2023: were approved

Matters Arising: adverts were included in the Community News

Treasurer's Report: sent by e-mail and approved

Banking: The previous signatories to the bank account need to be removed and replaced by Barry Doran, Marianne Sparrow, Keith Sherwood and Janet Lander. Only Barry and Keith will be able to view the accounts. Keith is to organize this with the bank.

Website: Barry has investigated what other U3A groups do to maintain the security of their websites. The general consensus seemed to be that they had been built using Site Builder, but that no ongoing payments were being made. It was decided to leave the final decision whether to take any other action until the next meeting, when Anne could be present.

Membership Report: There were 81 present at the AGM. Despite not having a speaker, the meeting was well attended and went smoothly. We now have 294 members, including 15 since April and 74 in this calendar year. Barry is to arrange new members' meetings

Groups: We had received a query from a member of Newark U3A concerning the setting up of a Nordic Walking Group. After finding some interest, Madeleine then reported that the original person from Newark is not able to help, so this will need further thought. Madeleine is to investigate the cost of purchasing the poles from Decathlon and see if we can get any advice.

Volunteers: Interest in signing up seems to have waned and Doris has spent a lot of time chasing up volunteers. It was suggested that this should be mentioned at every meeting and the signing up sheet displayed in a more prominent place. An issue last time was that our noticeboard had been put at the back of a large stack of chairs and was effectively inaccessible

10th Anniversary of Eastwood U3A : This is due in July next year, and the committee felt that it would be appropriate to mark this with one or two events. Various suggestions were made, including a social, picnic, walk, afternoon tea. It was decided that this should be mentioned at the next meeting, and ideas asked for. It was also suggested that one of the new committee roles should be to co-ordinate these ideas

New Committee Roles : Paul Bettridge offered to be the co-ordinator for the 10th Anniversary, and Sharon Dudley offered to be the new Welfare Secretary.

Barry reminded the committee that this will be his last year as membership secretary, and that someone needs to be thinking about shadowing him

We do not currently have a Speaker Finder, although there is one booked for July, and no meeting in August. Barry is to talk to Linda about the information that she already has about speakers, and the W.I. was also mentioned as a possible source of information. The next speaker that we need will be for Wednesday, 6th of September.

Barry is to furnish Janet with the email addresses of the committee, so that she can send copies of the minutes to the new members of the committee. Officially, they cannot be sent via Beacon, until everyone has a new role. Marta Stimpson and Anna Frost are to be contacted to ensure that they are kept in the loop about the dates of committee meetings.

Newsletter: Thanks were offered to Sandra for producing newsletters this year, and also to Margaret, who has done them for such a long time.

AOB: Janet has purchased lanyards for committee members and it was suggested that she should print out labels for each member to stick on to the back of their U3A membership card and put inside the lanyard

Madeleine asked about Newsbites, whether we should send something in – the deadline for inclusion in this is 7th August – we could use items from the Newsletter – Janet will talk to Margaret about how to do this

Date of next meeting: July 17th at 1.30pm at Greasley Community Centre