Minutes of the Hucknall and District u3a Executive Committee meeting held via zoom on Wednesday April 7th2021 at 10.00 am.

1 Apologies for absence.

These were received from Sandra Green (Minuting Secretary)

2 In Attendance were David Rose (Chairman), Melvyn Francis (Vice-Chairman and Short Course Co-ordinator), Dianne White (Speakers’ Secretary), Philip Attenborough (Equipment Manager), Dianne Heenan (Member), Greg Umney (Membership Secretary), Siobhan Lee (Groups’ Co-ordinator), Mark Jackson (Business Secretary), Angela Cornish (Webmaster), Barrie Saunders (Member), Christine Berrill (Treasurer).

3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Groups’ Coordinator

Siobhan had attended a Notts Network Group Coordinators meeting. She reported that many other groups were not taking part in u3a day in early June due to concerns over social distancing

The meeting also discussed ideas and issues relating to the restarting of face to face activities.

6 Speakers’ Secretary

Dianne reported that speakers for the monthly meetings were now arranged up to June and that July and August arrangements were being finalised.

The turnout for the March meeting had been very pleasing.

7 Social Sub-Committee

The next meeting would take place next week.

8 Webmaster

Angela had also attended a Notts Network meeting which focused on using social media platforms to publicise and highlight u3a membership.

Angela reported on the use of Instagram by other groups.

3,418 visits had been made to the website over the past month.

9 Treasurer

Christine explained the previously circulated balance sheets showed little change from March.

There had been little activity apart from more renewal payments being banked.

Christine also confirmed that our annual accounts scrutiniser, Geoff Cree, had completed his report for the period January to December 2020. Geoff was thanked for his work.

10 Equipment Manager.

Philip confirmed the “writing off” of our old laser printer on the basis of high maintenance costs and the Committee thanked Sue Spolton for looking after it and for her printing work over a period of approximately the last eight years.

Concern was expressed about the storage of u3a equipment at the Hucknall Leisure Centre due the refurbishment work taking place. This concern was to be followed up.

11 Vice Chairman and Short Course Coordinator

Melvyn reported that the final film in the present series in the John Wayne Trilogy will take place on April 20th.Melvyn is also planning a driving course for members which will begin online.

12 Membership Secretary.

Greg reported that 441 full members had re-joined along with associate members. 53 members had lapsed including 22 affiliated members.

Greg had a list of 14 potential new members.

Greg also planned to contact the 22 affiliated members to check their details.

13 Business Secretary.

Mark outlined two possible options for modifying our constitution to allow Zoom type meetings and hybrid meetings ie Zoom and a physical meeting to officially take place.

The committee agreed an amendment which will be put to the members at the forthcoming AGM.

14 A.O.B.

A u3a day -June 2nd2021

It was agreed that this date was too early since we would have very limited activities to offer at this time. However, we would publicise the u3a through the local press and social media.

B Risk Assessments

The latest covid and risk assessment advice from the National u3a was discussed along with the results of the recent membership survey. Results will be circulated to the membership.

The meeting closed at 11.38 am.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021 via zoom at 10.00 am.