Minutes of the Hucknall and District u3a Executive committee meeting held via zoom on Wednesday 2nd of June at 10.00 am

1 Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Green (Minuting Secretary), Diane Heenan (Assistant Speakers’ Secretary), Christine Berrill (Treasurer).

Belated apologies were received from Dianne White (Speakers’ Secretary) who had a technical issue with zoom.

2 In Attendance

David Rose (Chairman), Melvyn Francis) Vice -Chairman and Short Course Co-ordinator), Siobhan Lee (Groups’ Co-ordinator), Mark Jackson (Business Secretary), Philip Attenborough (Equipment Manager), Angela Cornish (Webmaster), Greg Umney (Membership Secretary) and Barrie Saunders (Member)

3 Minutes of previous meeting

These were accepted as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Groups’ Co-ordinator

Siobhan reported that many groups remain on hold due to Government advice. Some groups are operating including the Walking groups, Pickleball and the Reading group.

6 Speakers’ Secretary

Fools Gold, an acoustic duo from the North East are booked for the meeting on the 9th of June. The have previously appeared live with us and come well recommended. They perform a mixture of songs which have stories, mysteries etc

It was agreed that there would not be a members’ zoom monthly meeting in August.

7 Social Sub-Committee

A meeting was due to be held on June 3rd to discuss future events.

8 Angela gave feedback on a recent meeting which she attended about maximising the impact of social media, such as Facebook, on encouraging prospective new members to join their local u3a.

It was agreed that this work needed to be shared between a small group. Each group member to be responsible for a specific area.

The need to constantly refresh and update the page was pointed out.

9 Treasurer

The Treasurer’s report showed little change to our finances.

It was agreed to pay the annual membership fee of £25 for use of a community bus used by some of our groups.

Gift aid of £525 has just been received and also due to be paid soon is the capitation payment for the membership fee of £3.50 each to the u3a Trust.

10 Equipment Manager

Following the loss of storage space at the Leisure Centre one member has very kindly offered alternative safe storage.

Property stored at Hucknall Youth House would also soon be moved.

11 Short Courses

Melvyn has arranged an afternoon course on “Driving in the Third Age” for June 15th at 2.00pm.

The possibility of running a course on “Hidden sugar in our food”

later in the summer was discussed.

12 Membership Secretary.

One former lapsed member has asked about returning.

Membership now stands at 450 which reduces to 429 when affiliated members are taken off. There are 16 potential new members waiting to join.

A short discussion took place regarding the best way to introduce new members to the u3a.

13 Business Secretary

Policies have been reviewed and copies are available on.

the website

14 A.O.B.

A The committee are meeting at the John Godber Centre on June 25th to discuss how best to take forward our monthly meetings following our move from the Leisure Centre.

Other venues in Hucknall have been explored but the JGC with a hall for 200 members seated in one room was felt to be the best option.

B u3a day

This was discussed but we felt the timing at present was not ideal.

Ways to more easily identify Committee members will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July at 10.00am.