**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 5th October, 2022 at 10 am.**

**Present:**

Melvyn Francis, Chair

Greg Umney, Membership Secretary

Angela Cornish, Webmaster

Gary Holmes, Treasurer

Tina Holmes, Vice-Chair. & Short Courses Organiser

Mark Jackson, Business Secretary

Lynda Smeathers, Events Organiser

Sue Tedstone, Groups Organiser

Sandra Green, Minutes Secretary

Liz Attenborough, Equipment Organiser

Diane Heenan, Speakers Secretary.

**Apologies for absence** werereceived from Christine Eagle, Member

**Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting** were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**Chair –**

1. Hucknall Annual Christmas Tree Festival – Entries to be in place by 30th November. Melvyn Francis to email groups to see if any would be prepared to put in an entry. Also an announcement to be made at the next monthly meeting.
2. Melvyn had emailed members re Notts. Network asking if any members are interested in the Chinese New Year Buffet at Springwater in January. Only four replies received so far.

**Groups’ Co-ordinator** – Sue Tedstone reported as follows:

1. New Bridge for Beginners group to start next week with 21 members and with Sue as initial co-ordinator; this would meet twice a month.
2. New Wine Group 3 to start on 17th October with 11 members, led by Tina and Gary Holmes. The BBC are running a 21 week Wine Course and it was agreed to subscribe to this course at a cost of £80.
3. Sue Tedstone had taken part in a U3A zoom meeting on “Interest Groups Matter” which she found useful. She proposed holding another Group Leaders’ Meeting in February, 2023.
4. Sandra Green enquired about the possibility of a Calligraphy Group. Lynda Smeathers would pass on the name of a U3A member who was a tutor.

**Speakers’ Secretary** –

1. October speaker; Dr. Ann Featherstone – Liz Attenborough to meet & greet in Diane Heenan’s absence.
2. November speaker: Annette Taylor – “Cruising”.
3. Suggestions for 2023: January – Mike Leivers – “Newstead Abbey Park”.

Other suggestions were discussed.

**Social Sub.Committee –** Minutes of meeting 5th September circulated via email.

1. September 17th - Hog Roast – Mixed reports. Ukulele Group could not be seen or heard from the back; it was proposed next time they should be on the stage with microphones.
2. December 5th – Christmas Social tickets £8. Start 12 noon.
3. December 14th - Christmas Film “The Bishops Wife” - £2 entry on door. David Rose to organise.

**Webmaster –** Angela Cornish is emphasizing the role of groups on Facebook but raised the question of photo privacy and after checking against the U3A membership form, there is a section confirming acceptance of this should members sign that section.

**Treasurer–**

1. Gary Holmes had submitted written accounts which were circulated via email and which were accepted.
2. Query re History Group’s account was raised and Gary would check this out with Maureen Newton.
3. The U3A Reserve fund was discussed and agreed it was at an acceptable level. Subscriptions to remain the same for the time being.
4. Gary proposed to set up a second bank account with Lloyds Bank as the service being received from Barclays was not good. If the new bank account proved acceptable then the accounts would be moved to that one.
5. The U3A Budget would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Equipment Manager –**

1. PAT testing session 8th August had taken place although no invoice had yet been received for payment. Liz Attenborough said that any future testing would be done by the company being used at present by the John Godber Centre.
2. Staging - Lovelace Theatre Group have shown an interest in the permanent loan of the staging and have asked to view it; this to be arranged when Christine Eagle returns from holiday. Melvyn Francis to liaise.
3. There was some concern about the quality of sound & vision at the History Group after the last speaker was unable to access Central Methodist’s equipment. It was suggested training be given in the use of their system.

**Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops –**

Tina Holmes had researched the possibility of new one off short courses/workshops on the subjects of Astrology, Philosophy, Digital Photography and Vegan Cookery and would report back.

**Events Organiser –**

Unfortunately, after all, none of our members took part in The Notts Network “Flash Mob” event at Highfields on Sept 24th. Melvyn Francis reported there had been a video available of the event which he had watched.

**Membership Secretary –**

1. Greg Umney submitted a report as follows: Current membership is 496 - made up of 451 Full members, 23 Affiliated members and 22 Associate members, – 8 new members enrolled this month. Attendance at the September meeting was 149 with 19 members leaving early.
2. Prompt slips this month to include requests for more new member “buddies”.\*
3. It was agreed to purchase more membership badges as stock was low.

**Business Secretary** – The Third Age Trust AGM resolutions and amendments were further discussed and Mark Jackson was asked to vote on our behalf at the Zoom meeting.

**Any other business** – Barrie Saunders (National Trust Group) had suggested the possibility of a new group “Outings” as his JB Transport contact was eager to promote this. This information to be put on the information slips at the monthly meeting.\*

The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday, 7th November, 2022.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.