MINUTES OF THE HUCKNALL &DISTRICT U3A COMMITTEE

 at the John Godber Centre, Hucknall on Wednesday 5th April 2023 @ 10.00

The Chairman welcomed Helen Rose as the new Minute Secretary

**Present**: Melvyn Francis [Chair], Liz Attenborough, Angela Cornish, Christine Eagle [from 10.10], Diane Heenan, Gary Holmes, Tina Holmes, Mark Jackson, Helen Rose, Lynda Smeathers, Sue Tedstone and Greg Umney

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes** from the previous meeting accepted as read.

**Matters Arising**: None

**REPORTS**

**Chairman**

John Lewis, of Bingham U3A, has been appointed as the Trustee for the East Midlands and has advised us about a Pilot Council, established to review procedures of the Third Age Trust.

From 22nd May the Vice Chair will stand in for the Chair who is having a knee operation. The U3A monthly meeting on 14th June needs covering.

**Group’s Coordinator**

Litter Picking was originally funded by Veolia however supplies of plastic bin bags are running low. The group does have £201 from a grant which it could use. As litter picking does not fall within the objectives of the U3A then U3A funds cannot be used to support the group. A request was sent, in March, to David Shaw at Ashfield District Council for a grant to cover the cost of new equipment. Waiting for a response.

The Drama Group is being advertised and re-launched as it currently only has 8 members.

The arranged Calligraphy Taster Course has been cancelled for April because the Group Leader wasn’t able to deliver the lessons for personal reasons. She now hopes to re-schedule in October.

All Group Leaders have been advised of the names of lapsed members and asked to update their registers. The u3a is just for members and this should be reiterated. ST to follow up.

Following on from the successful one-off Vegetarian Cookery Course, a new Group will be forming, starting in May.

**Speakers’ Secretary**

Vince Eager will arrive at the April meeting around 2.15p.m. he will need a mic and a projector, and payment of £125 in cash

11 speaker requests have been sent out for 2024 but only January and February booked so far

**Social Sub-Committee**

The Irish Night was enjoyable. Please send photos to the web master.

Next event -23 June 2023, Trivia Quiz and meal

**Webmaster**

The web site crash remedy cost £84 for technical expertise. The website has now been updated

Facebook- Photos of events required. Facebook only up-dated monthly so messages may be missed but a link directs inquirers to the website.

Webmaster/mistress will stand down in a year. A replacement needs finding and training now.

**Treasurer**

Monthly and End of Year Accounts circulated. Accounts as expected for this time of the financial year. It was noted that our surplus falls within the guidelines.

Account surpluses were again discussed and group leaders notified where appropriate to reduce to a more acceptable level.

Pickleball funding resolved

The main financial aim of the Social Committee Events is to break even. Surplus will support other social events

Final accounts been emailed to members, with some paper copies to be available at the AGM. It was decided to try to project the accounts on screen.

Mark Jackson has answered a member’s question on the money for the defibrillator. As there were no committee queries, there should be no queries at the AGM.

Dianne White to be thanked at the AGM for the great contribution she has made to our funds through organising Riviera Holidays

**Equipment**

A new Microphone stand has been purchased. The spare laptop has been returned.

**Short Courses and Workshops**

42 people booked for the Astrology talk on 17 and 23 May. Only 22 have returned the questionnaire to enable them to fully participate.

Talks by a Law Firm and the Fire Service under consideration.

**Events’ Organiser**

Ashfield District Council have invited us to take a stall for £10 at the Coronation Event in Titchfield Park on 6th May. Invitation declined.

To check with the John Godber Centre dates for planned promotional events that we can be part of.

**Membership Secretary**

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| Membership | 458 | Non Renewals | 45 |
| Full | 422 | March attendees | 152 |
| Associate | 18 | Left early | 22 |
| Affiliated | 18 | New members since Sept 22 | 35 |

New Members Meeting to take place after the committee meeting. Mark, Gregg, Sue and Gary at least to attend

**Business Secretary**

AGM is in hand as are the Annual Returns

The North Notts Neighbouhood Group has been resurrected. However, as they want all members to have access to groups within North Notts and rejected MJ’s amendment that group leaders must agree to extra members turning up, we have resigned our membership of the NNN Group, especially as our groups are open to affiliated members whose details we have on file.

**AOB**

ST’s question about access to the portal was answered by MJ

**Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 3rd May @ 10.00 at JGC

Meeting closed at 11.50