**Minutes of Hucknall & District u3a Committee Meeting-**

**JGC on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 10 am.**

**Present:** Kevin Varey (Chair),Liz Attenborough, Sue Tedstone, Melvyn Francis, Greg Umney,

John Pretty, Lynda Smeathers, Christine Eagle. Sue Jackson (mins secretary)

**1. Apologies**: Tina Holmes, Gary Holmes, Bob McEwan.

**2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting**: agreed and signed.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**: none

**4. Chair:** Last month’s action points - All action points completed.

**5. Beacon Administrator**: Beacon - Proposed New Features. There are 2 new features on Beacon:-

*Firstly ‘Gift Aid’* - we need to check on which monies/fees we are allowed to claim Gift Aid.

*Secondly – ‘allowing access to financial accounts*’ by any member of the u3a. Potentially the Beacon Administrator would need to grant access via the Treasurer**. JP/KV to discuss both Beacon Proposals with GH.**

**6. Group’s Coordinator:** Six members of Hucknall u3a attended the Notts Network “Interest Groups Matter” Workshop/Breakout groups at Newstead Community Centre on June 23rd . Feedback from our members is mixed.

Newstead was a very good venue for such an event but because they were presenting to a large group without microphones it was difficult to hear them if sitting at the back.

The 5 breakout groups (Science & Technology/Music/General/Walking/Group Coordinators) shared ideas between different u3as, which were helpful.

Overall, it was an interesting Workshop but the Hucknall u3a members attending, generally thought that new Group Leaders would benefit more from the workshops than experienced Group Leaders.

**7. Equipment Manager:** The new projectors have now been PAT tested. The Committee agreed to retain the Mixer Desk (currently at JGC) in case we have need of it at another venue for any reason in the future.

**8. Membership Secretary:**  a) Monthly report – 496 Members - 456 Full, 25 Associate, 15 Affiliated. 2 new members in June. 147 attendees at the last members meeting.

Printed Newsletters for the monthly Members Meeting to remain at 60 for the time being.

**9. Any other business:**

Speaker Secretary (CE) – raised the issue of tea and coffee equipment storage in her absence – MF agreed to store this in CEs absence.

Webmaster (LS) asked about any feedback for the new website – very good feedback overall. The main queries were about access to older Newsletters.

Website stats - In the last 30 days there have been 698 visitors to the new website with around 3800 pages viewed.

MF has some equipment stored which needs moving when he leaves the committee next year.

GU – deceased members – after discussion it was agreed that the Membership Secretary should be informed about a deceased member ASAP to avoid any emails etc. going out to the deceased member, which could clearly cause more upset and stress for the deceased’s family, should this happen. The best way to achieve this will be discussed and then the information will be put in the Newsletter. **GU to arrange being put on Newsletter after discussions with other Committee Members. - (ongoing)**

JP – the old u3a photos from the website should be kept and available to look at. This could be done several ways, including a link to a Flickr account, a photo gallery through WordPress, or create a gallery on the website itself. A decision needs to be made regarding how many photos can be made available and where to archive the others should they be required. Rotation of images within a gallery, e.g. every 6mmonths was suggested.

Meeting finished at 11.15am

**The next Committee meeting will be held at the JGC on Wednesday 6th August at 10.00am**