

MINUTES OF THE BEESTON U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH
FEBRUARY 2018 AT BEESTON METHODIST CHURCH STARTING AT 1.30PM

1 Apologies: B. Cooper, M. Brookbanks and M. Potts.

Present: S. Blackley, L. Beardsley, J. Patterson, S. Austin, C. Chater, R. Eddleston, M. Gale, E. Le Marchant Brock, C. Billau and J. Muxlow.

2 Minutes of January Meeting: Read and passed.

3 Matters Arising:

- Group Leaders who have not signed the confidentiality form can be contacted at the Group Fair next month, committee members also need to sign the form and Margot will keep them. **MG**
- Following directives from U3A national office and HMRC we will be reconsidering the plan to charge for refreshments.
- National Office has been informed that we will adopt the new object clause at the AGM in May.

Reports:

Chairman:

- Kathy Shipway to be co-opted onto the committee from March 2018 and Margot will buddy her. **MG**

Treasurer:

- The Treasurers report on the financial activity in January was received and noted.
- Complaints have been received about us using plastic cups. Elaine has researched the cost of changing to paper cups. The plastic ones cost 1p and the paper cups will cost between 6p and 12p.

Membership:

- New members 21, renewed members 119, total membership 792, visitors 8 and 228 attended the open meeting.
- The administration of cluster members on the Beacon system is causing a problem so Celia and Margot will look into this. **CB/MG**

Business:

- The change to our objects clause will have to be raised at the AGM
- A postal vote will be used to vote for changes discussed at the EGM in Birmingham on 21st March.

Group Co-Ordinator:

- Chris continues to do sterling work.

- The committee has agreed to pay G. Morral's expenses for her guest speaker and has also agreed the payment for a dvd/cd
- A member has requested a walking group for the disabled – if a group can be formed that's fine – Silver Strollers?
- After much discussion it was agreed that the keys for the equipment held at the church will continue to be held by Elizabeth.

Publicity:

- It is the responsibility of group leaders to keep Steve informed of any changes in their group that will need to be changed on the website.
- Beacon to become the definitive list.

Speaker Seeker/Outings Organiser:

- Lucy has announced that she will be stepping down as speaker seeker from May 2019.
- Several new outings have been put in place and Lucy would be grateful for ideas for a Christmas visit 2018.

Communications:

- Rosemary to be asked to do articles about Beeston U3A for the local press.
- Celia to do poster advising the change of venue for March which will be stuck to the church's front door. **CB**

Events Co-ordinator:

- The Barn Dance went well and was thoroughly enjoyed.
- The next event is the Quiz Night in April.
- It was agreed that a 60's Night would be arranged for October
- Casino Night has also been discussed.

5 Follow up to the Group Leaders Meeting:

- It was successful and notes with main issues raised were sent to Group Leaders.

6 Notts Network Meeting:

- Margot reported on the meeting and Sue is now the secretary.

7 Succession Planning:

- Already covered.

8 New Members Coffee Morning:

- Expected to be busy.

9 Finalising the Group Fair:

- Venue to open at 8am so committee can start setting up
- Tables also needed for membership renewal and new members.
- Celia to email all group leaders to see if they have any special requirements. **CB**
- Celia to do a list of all groups. **CB**

10 Data Protection Act for the U3A:

- The committee agreed that it was OK to pass on members information and monies when leadership of a group changes.
- A piece about data protection to go into the newsletter. **SB**

11 Members Questionnaire:

- This is to be sent by email soon and a hard copy to be put into the newsletters that are posted to members who are not on the web. **CB**

12 Confirmed Future Meetings:

- March Monday 5th @ 1.30pm
- April Monday 9th @ 1.30pm
- May Tuesday 8th @ 1.30pm

Suggested June date Monday 11th @ 1.30pm – agreed and booked.

Signed..... Dated.....