

MINUTES OF THE BEESTON U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
5TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT BMC STARTING AT 1.30PM

1 Apologies: None

Present: Everyone.

2 Minutes of the October Meeting: agreed.

3 Matters Arising:

- Presentation of prize to the short story winner to be first item at the December meeting and the story will not be read out.
- 21 volunteers have replied to invitation to their thank you fuddle.
- It was agreed to have the group fair in October 2019 and every year in principle.

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Chair's Report:

- Nelson Blackley to be asked to give talk at March 2019 open meeting. **SB**
- A member, who is concerned about plastics and recycling, has raised the question of what crockery and utensils will be used at the Group Leader meeting in January. After much discussion it was decided that those attending will be given the opportunity to bring their own but we will provide everyone else with the essentials. **SB/CC**
- At the Group Leaders meeting we need to remind them to let us know if their groups are full so that we can attempt to set up further groups. **SB**

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's report on financial activity in October was received and noted.
- The Equipment budget is overspent.

Membership Secretary:

- We had 21 new members last month and 215 people attended the open meeting talk.

Business Secretary:

- A trustee's report needs to be put together for the Charity Commission and a copy of the financial report and statement from the independent examiner. **SB/MB/RE**

Group Co-Ordinator:

- Chris continues to work hard establishing new groups.

Publicity:

- A new member, who has previous experience in helping to manage a U3A website, will join our team from December 2018.
- Beacon Membership application form is not suitable for us.
- Privacy Policy needs to be highlighted on the Beacon website.
- The Privacy Policy needs to be linked to the renewal form when present members renew.
- Members who renew online will collect their membership card at the next open meeting or they can print their own.
- Because of the Beacon system we will not need to have printed membership cards.

Speaker Seeker/Outings Organiser:

- Doddington Hall visit is full.
- Proposed visit to Buxton Opera House production of Georgiana which Lucy had hoped she could organise will now not go ahead but the information will go on our website.
- Proposed cruise on River Trent date to be confirmed.
- Lucy is awaiting dates before she organises a trip to the Barbara Hepworth Gallery and Yorkshire Sculpture Park. AP provided provisional dates for either June or July 2019.
- Visit to Valkenburg November 2019 – being researched.
- Insurance – Lucy was reassured that U3A members are covered by our insurance when they go on trips. Non-members are not and go on them at their own risk.
- On trips abroad members are expected to have their own travel insurance.
- Official wording of the insurance situation will be given by Richard to Lucy. **RE**
- It needs to be pointed out that Lucy and Breda pay the full price when organising and attending the U3A outings and trips. This is a U3A ruling. They are not subsidised in any way.

Communications Officer:

- Celia asked if she could increase the number of newsletters to be printed to 200 and this was agreed.
- Steve will circulate information on the calendars. **SA**

Social Events:

- 60's Disco Night was a great success.
- There are still a few tickets left for the Fine Wine Event on December 7th but Janis expects to sell those at the December open meeting.

Welfare Officer:

- Anne brought some of the U3A Plus leaflet which is a guide to accessibility and inclusion and we hope to be able to put it on our website.
- Also, to have the leaflet published in our newsletter. **CB**
- Anne to order some more of the leaflet. **AP**
- It was suggested that a link be put on our website to get volunteers to help.
- Need to consider setting up a Really Useful Group (RUG)
- New members could be the ones to approach for roles on the committee and the RUG.

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Notts Network News:

- They have held their AGM.
- The Network hopes Notts U3As will be involved in a flash mob next year to publicise the U3A and this was approved of in general. This would be a National event. **MG**

Succession Planning:

- Discussed.

Data Protection:

- Nothing.

Beacon/PayPal:

- Done

New Members Coffee Morning

- The required number of people volunteered.

6 Christmas Open Meeting:

- Discussed.

7 Group Leaders Meeting:

- Done

8 AOB

- Nothing

9 Future Dates for Meetings:

- December 10th @ 2pm **CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE**
- January 2019 Monday 7th @ 1.30pm
- February Friday 8th at 1.30pm
- Suggested date for March Monday 11th @ 1.30 – agreed and booked.

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