

Committee Meeting
10.30am, 5th May 2022
Hillstown Village Hall

Present: Peter Coombs, Jean Hassall, Gary Hewitt, Gill Daly, Steve Holloway, Jen Sykes, Wendy Lines, Kevin Bates.

Apologies: Gwen Webster

Minutes of April meeting agreed and signed as correct.

Allocation of roles within the committee: Wendy continues with vice chair and new assistant secretary role. Gill to take over as Membership Secretary from Jen. Kevin is to take on, publicity and the Website. Steve, to continue as assistant Treasurer. It was also pointed out we need to share door duties at the monthly meeting.

Matters arising:

Website: The new site is up and running and the old website has disappeared. It has been found that the new website cannot cope with 2 people updating at the same time.

Currently Peter, Jean, Gary and Kevin have the password to the new website.

At the moment we are keeping all emails central and going via Peter who will then forward to the appropriate people.

It was decided that 12 months of minutes should be all necessary for the website. There being paper copies in archive if needed.

Trees have been purchased and planted at HVH. The committee are looking into finding a suitable plaque at a good price.

Membership Pack: It was agreed that this should contain, a letter of welcome, the code of conduct, a list of groups and a membership form.

Quilt mentioned at AGM but work needed to get organised...Gary to sort and contact Group leaders.

Chair report: Peter was happy that the A.G.M. went without a hitch.

Treasurers report: Jean was concerned that internet payments out, do not need a second signature. However, Steve will check statements with Jean to keep all above board. Our current account stands at just over £3,300.

Secretary's report: Nil of note

Group co-ordinators report: Groups are increasing activity levels.

Deaf signing, membership were not asked at AGM if they wish to do this. They will be asked at next appropriate Monthly meeting.

Gwen suggests that since the sandwiches at the AGM went down so well, that the August monthly meeting should perhaps be a repeat with sandwiches and a £1 admission charge to defray costs. However, it was decided that the sandwiches would be provided free to members plus a quiz and chat. It was also agreed to hold another 'showcase' event on a date to be decided.

Wendy & Peter reported on the Derbyshire Network meeting. It was informative and some fresh ideas were floated:-

Each area could do a guided walk and talk tour of their area.

Inter u3a Bowls tournament.

Possibly a photographic exhibition online.

Flowers for Fun Demonstration went well, however no interest has been expressed in reforming the group. Therefore we will discontinue this group.

Gary to sort date for croquet and perhaps a visit to Sheffield u3a to see how it's done.

Bolsover Yard to be booked for u3a week (17-25th Sept). Jean to book this.

It was noted, for a small group to be viable/affordable at Hillstown, ideally there needs to be at least 6 people in the group.

It was also noted, we need to include Hillstown Village Hall address for membership forms to be sent to.

Borrow shop window for 40th Anniversary display was also discussed.