

u3a Committee Meeting
Wednesday 1st February 2023
10.30am Hillstown Village hall

Present: Peter Coombs, Wendy Lines, Gwen Webster, Steve Holloway, Jean Hassall, Gary Hewitt, Gill Daly

Apologies: Kevin Bates, Jen Sykes

Minutes of last meeting approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Preparations for A.G.M.

Membership forms and election nomination forms have been printed and handed to Gill.

The question of length of service allowed for Committee members was questioned. Jean will check National Guidance on this matter.

It was noted that we are allowed up to 12 elected committee members and 3 more can be co-opted if needed.

Group Leader help:

We need to check and update the Group Leader pack, which usually contains a copy of the u3a insurance certificate.

We need to see if we can get help for the group co-ordinator (Peter). Ideally this should be from the existing group leaders. Once we have a person they should ideally then be co-opted on to the committee.

Diary Dates: Peter is continuing to compile the Diary Dates. Gary has tried but is having trouble getting xl files converted into word.

Proposed Whisky group: Gary has spoken to David about this group. The first proposal was working out quite expensive, Gary has asked David to see about reducing the costs otherwise this group might not be viable.

Chair Report: Peter thanked Wendy for being chair at the last committee meeting and at the general meeting and for attending the Derbyshire Network Zoom meeting.

News from Derbyshire Network;- They are continuing with the Derbyshire walks and would like Bolsover to organise another if possible.

Derbyshire Network is setting up a list of recommended speakers.

Beacon was suggested to us to be used for the website, but it was suggested to be of little extra benefit at the moment and we would have to find someone to operate it.

There will be a face to face meeting at Darley Dale, 9th May. Peter will not be available at this time so we should find someone to attend in his place.

Treasurers Report: The bank account remains healthy.

Secretary Report: Nil of Note

Membership Secretary : Membership is 129

Publicity/Website. It was noted that the conditions of the website regarding emails has changed. We may now only send 200 emails per month. If we require to send more then there will be a charge of £10.

A.O.B.

Gwen Suggested a Pantomime for February 2024. Work needs to be done to find a cast, either from the membership or possibly the local drama group. Gwen will investigate further.

A member (John Lambert) has enquired if he might be allowed to sing for us at a meeting.

It was thought this might best happen at the August meeting when we will not have a speaker. Gary to inform John of the committees response.

It was suggested that we have a greeters rota (like the tea rota). Gill will organise this.

The Newsletter will be going out next week if anyone has any contributions.