

3rd Nov 2022, Committee Meeting,  
Hillstown Village hall, 10.30am

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

Apologies

Minutes of meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October approved and signed

Matters Arising:

Tree plaques completed and need placing.

Web training under review

Freedom Project at November Meeting. Gary is organising this with Carole (Freedom Project). It was also agreed that we should support Freedom Project in advertising for Volunteers in the Newsletter and giving a mention at the monthly meeting. Gwen suggested we should advertise their £5 shopping scheme.

P.A. System has been looked at and is working with the exception of the media player. It would probably not be cost effective to be repaired and we should continue with the P.A. as is until it fails

Quilt being assembled, need permission from HVH to hang in the hall.

Chair Report: The National u3a A.G.M. was well attended, however no agreement was made about increasing subs. Therefore the amount we pay to National Office remains at 2022 levels, which means there will be a shortfall of funds to run the National Office.

The Bolsover Town Tour went well with 6 people attending.

12<sup>th</sup> December will be the date of Derbyshire Network Christmas Quiz, which is open to all on line.

Treasurer Report: We are currently in the black, however with the ending of various grants we may need to consider charging for entry to the Monthly Meeting again. We are not immune from inflation and will possibly also need to increase membership when subs become payable again.

The Bank has sorted out the new signatories at last.

Membership Secretary Report: We now have 123 members.

Secretary Report: Nil of note

Publicity Report: Kevin has been busy updating the website with links to various on line courses and has been trying to help people access the site and Newsletter. The website will not allow for archiving the Newsletter. Kevin will try to get a larger presence in the Library.

A.O.B

David's new group will be meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2pm at the Library.

Plans for December General Meeting: Gwen will not be present and therefore we need someone else to get the sandwiches and collect a hamper from Morrisons community champion (Megan), Wendy has agreed to take on this task. Nora has agreed to play a few Carols and will let us know, which songs she will be playing so that Gary can print the words for a sing along. Gary will bring the quiz from last years cancelled Christmas.

Gwen suggested that we keep the old u3a magazines and pass them on to new/prospective members to give an idea of what the u3a is about. This was thought a good idea.

Peter will speak the Hillstown Village Hall about making a Petanque court.

Gwen will look into sorting a signing tutor (probably Maketon) in January after the holidays, possibly linked with a talk.

The Library will be closed 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December and the 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

The next Group Leaders meeting will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

Jen Sykes has decided not to stand for committee for next year.

Membership fees were discussed and we decided to continue to charge £10 until the new year. Then we would drop the charge until the A.G.M.

Signed.