

Kings Hill & District U3A

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3rd May 2018

At Kings Hill Community Centre

Chair: Graham Hall (GH)

97 members present (including 4 new members) and 2 visitors

Apologies: John and Joan Warren, Pat Bell and Maggie Hall

GH began the meeting by introducing and congratulating our 400th new member.

Minutes of the last AGM had been circulated and there were no matters arising. Therefore these were agreed as a true record.

Chairman's Annual Report of U3A activities

The report had previously been emailed to all members, however GH wished to highlight the following:

- Kings Hill U3A had 70 new members since last year, over 60% of these had agreed to pay the subscription by Direct Debit.
- Groups that run across more than one U3A include the Choir, Big Band and Garden Visits.
- A Here to Help group was established to assist anyone that needs independent advice or support.
- Throughout the year many people contribute to the successful running of our U3A – too many to mention by name and GH gave his thanks to all, however mention and thanks were made to Don Bone, the newsletter's new editor; Mark Richards who maintains our website (including the new photo gallery) and Margaret Knock for organising speakers and also investigating the possibility of holding half day seminars or study days in the future.
- A holiday to The Netherlands has been organised and GH wished the 28 people going a good trip.
- A new development from the National office called U3A Plus is concerned with helping members who may be finding it difficult to get to meetings or SIGs. GH is hopeful that one of our members will volunteer to be a reference point for our U3A.
- The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect on 25 May 2018, therefore we have an updated Privacy Policy on our website.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts – Joyce Evans

The report and closing accounts had previously been emailed to all members. Joyce advised the meeting that the Social Account has now been closed as there is no need to keep our social activities and expenses separately. In addition, Joyce advised that she will be retiring as Treasurer next year, therefore if anyone is able to take her place they should contact anyone from the Committee.

Examiner of Accounts

The accounts were adopted and approved by an external auditor, Richard Fox, and signed by GH.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Thanks were given to Barry Evans, Hugh Jagelman and John Mourne as retiring Committee Members.

The following people were proposed and nominated to the Committee:

- Vice Chairman – Elaine Scutt (present Committee Member)
- Membership Secretary – Karen Usher
- Committee Member – Jan Pamplin
- Co-opted Member – Julian Smith

Re-election was approved:

- Chairman – Graham Hall
- Treasurer – Joyce Evans
- Business Secretary – Christine Hutchins
- Members - June Rose, Linda Read (previously co-opted), Brenda Pretty, SallyAnne Clark, Don Bone, Ann Pay
- Mark Richards as Co-opted Member

GH advised that everyone is entitled to attend a Committee meeting as a visitor and if they wish to do so they should contact him.

Approval of changes to Kings Hill & District U3A Constitution (Item 3 Purpose of U3A) to:

“The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development in Kings Hill and District and surrounding areas”

The Charity Commission have advised that all U3As should no longer divide their finances into charitable and non charitable activities and all activities should now be covered by one account. This is to ensure that all activities undertaken are approved by the Charity Commission and are fully insured. Therefore National U3A have advised all U3As to amend their Constitution as above following approval by members – **this was agreed.**

Any other business – None.

Date of the next annual meeting

9th May 2019 (2nd Thursday to allow for any possible election on the 1st Thursday).