

Registered Charity No: 1105144



U3A Trustees Meeting 20th March 2023

Held at the Wesley Centre, Sandbach CW11 1DG

		ACTIONS
1.	<p>PRESENT: Stuart Naylor, Barrie Hacking, Linda Bilsborrow, Paula Reilly-Cooper, Alice Holmes, Keith Saywell, Jenny Haines and Sue Jones</p> <p>Apologies: Moira Egan, Linda Williams, Kate Ashcroft and Alan Casey</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a correct record with no matters arising</p>	
3.	<p>Review of AGM procedures, including date for 2024 AGM</p> <p>Linda B said a few difficulties had been caused due to holding the 2023 AGM after a period where there was a long break for the Christmas holidays.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the 2024 AGM on Monday, 4th March, with papers being sent out at the beginning of 2024. It was also agreed to keep the same format for voting with both on line voting and face to face.</p> <p>The Trustees thanked Linda for organizing the AGM so successfully.</p>	
4.	<p>Update from 2024 Celebration planning group, incl decision about a barbeque</p> <p>Kate sent in a report from the Celebration group, detailing arrangements made so far. U3a can have a free stall on market day on the Thursday before the weekend event. It was agreed that it would be important to highlight the u3a's breadth of activities at this stall. Several groups have expressed interest in performing in the Town Hall.</p> <p>*Correction to schedule circulated by the Working Group i.e. no exhibitions will be held in the Vets Pavilion on either day.</p> <p>Barbeque</p> <p>The Working Group discussed the suggestion from Pam Thomas to have a barbeque at the Sandbach Rugby Club on the Saturday lunch time as part of the Celebration weekend. However, the Working Group reported to the committee they felt this event did not fit in to the arrangements already confirmed, particularly as the suggested venue would take the public away from the town centre where the main events were taking place. The working group and the committee thanked Pam for her suggestion and it was agreed that Sue would send a letter to Pam telling them of the decision.</p>	Sue
5.	<p>Consider Report from bowls group leader meeting</p> <p>Stuart and Paula had a meeting with the bowls group leaders and Stuart has presented a report on the discussion and the options available.</p> <p>He outlined a range of possible ways to reduce the deficit for the indoor bowls group. It was apparent that several of the group leaders were unaware of the large deficit incurred by indoor bowls.</p>	

	<p>Several suggested actions were put forward for consideration by the Fees Working Group who would be meeting late in 2023. Any recommendation from this group will come to the Trustees, who will then implement these. These recommendations will be for both the indoor and outdoor bowls groups.</p> <p>Decisions need to be made with the two groups who at present are under the 50% threshold. It was agreed that Keith should start looking at the final indoor bowls costs towards the end of May 2023, and that Paula should identify the number of groups who have increased their fees because they were not meeting the 50% threshold. Also agreed this information should be discussed further with the bowls groups leaders.</p>	Stuart/ Paula/ Keith
6.	<p>Finance Update</p> <p>Keith said with the closure of the Nat West Bank in Sandbach, payment via the post office was working well.</p> <p>It was agreed that Keith and Paula should meet and produce a set of instructions/options for banking for group leaders, which should be put on the website.</p>	
7.	<p>Membership Update</p> <p>It was agreed that as we have 77 new members, we should hold a coffee morning to welcome them to u3a. Agreed to ask Louise to book the Old Hall on 24th April from 10.00 – 11.30.</p>	Louise
8.	<p>Update on Groups</p> <p>A member of the bowls group has asked whether we could consider a similar membership arrangement to Congleton u3a which is where members pay a flat fee for the year to cover all groups. Stuart said Congleton had encountered several problems with this and it was agreed that Sandbach would continue with session fees paid separately from an annual membership fee.</p> <p>In answer to a query about showing group vacancies, Paula said these were already shown on the groups list on the website.</p>	
9.	<p>Trustees 'Admin</p> <p>a. Calendar – Sue to bring calendar up to date with 3 more social events: It was agreed that as Alice was on a trip on 6th September Jenny would organize the refreshments at the members' meeting on that date.</p> <p>b. Decision on joining Sandbach Partnership Linda B will attend their next meeting on 28th March and report back to the Committee.</p>	Sue Jenny Linda
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Venue Co-ordinator – As Moira has had a recent serious accident and was in hospital, it was agreed to ask Paula to contact Louise Adams to ask if she could cover for Moira for the next 3 months.</p> <p>Photos on One Drive -Barrie has set up a file on the one drive for u3a photos and has already put 40 photos on it. Agreed to put a notice in the newsletter telling members about this facility. Suggested we also contact Don Rickards (GL for photography), Bill Browse and Bill Crighton.</p> <p>British Hedgehog Preservation Society – We have received a request from Lesley Farrar to collect used stamps in aid of this society. Agreed to put a note of this appeal in the newsletter.</p>	Paula Linda
	The meeting finished at 10.58	

Signed

Date