

Blackbourne U3A Committee Meeting held on 5th November 2018

Minutes

1 Present: Derrick Haley, Alan Crouch , Sallie Crouch , John Light, Di Finney Peter Lester , Teri Carpenter , Mary Dunbavin , Helen Taylor, Peter Seager and Maureen Morris

Apologies received from Paul Peachey

Minutes of 3rd September's committee were signed as correct.

Chairman's Report: Derrick raised the subject of the importance of the Interest Group Exhibition to our U3A in showcasing the work that the groups do and the chance to join together in a social event. Although there was no exhibition this year the committee agreed that next October would be a good time to stage the event with the possibility of using an outside caterer to add to the occasion.

Secretary's Report: Suffolk & District Network of U3As was attended by Helen in October at Castle Camps Haverhill and brief notes on this meeting have been sent to committee. The bi-annual meeting was informative and helpful. Jeff Carter East of England Trustee is looking to develop links with U3As and the Third Age Trust with the development of workshops.

Treasurer's Report: £8981 held at bank which is an increase on last year's balance by £600. The charity return has been completed by Peter for 2017. Any outstanding expenses should be passed to Peter before the end of the year.

Lecture Secretary: Alan is considering a special speaker to celebrate our 25 year celebration of BU3A next year. This would be a ticket only invite to regular attendees of the monthly lectures.

Membership Secretary: members total 607 which is still above the 575 previously agreed. There is no waiting list open until Spring/Summer when it will be reviewed with a chance for those wishing to join to add their name to the website. Peter Lister expressed his regret that those with talents will not be able to join for a further year. Discussion followed as to how many active participants belonged to BU3A with the possibility of sleeper members that do not go to anything. Secretary to follow up.

Interest Groups Co-Ordinator Report: Mary Dunbavin will supply mince pies for December lecture and Derrick will bring wine.

Names Register and Newsletter Distributor's Report: Di is upgrading computer system through Third Age Trust supplier.

Any Other Business:

Following concern that some new members feel isolated at meetings it was suggested that new members would in future be given different coloured membership cards to indicate to others that they are new and that they would be made welcome.

Date of next committee meeting : January 7th 2019 following monthly lecture.