

Minutes of Blackbourne U3A Committee held at Nowton Park on 27th July, 2020.

Present: Peter Lester (Chairman), John Light (Vice-Chairman), Jane Storey (Treasurer), Helen Taylor (Secretary), Andrew Adams (Membership Secretary), Liz Morgan (Interest group Convenor), Sallie Crouch, Maureen Morris (Educational visits) and Brenda Last

Apologies received from Bernadette Pitt and Lynda Heywood

The meeting was held at Nowton Park with social distancing.

Peter welcomed Brenda Last who was then co-opted on to the committee Proposed John Light seconded Liz Morgan with all in favour. Brenda has kindly offered to give assistance to Jane who is retiring owing to pressure of work.

Following government guidelines, the committee could not foresee a definite date when monthly lectures would be safe to restart at New Green Centre at least until the new year.

Brenda is to investigate the cost of zoom licence to facilitate virtual lectures and group meetings.

Helen to contact Third Age Trust for more information concerning interest group guidelines during COVID.

Treasurer advised that the New Green Centre rent was up to date until this March when the hall was closed. Jane to discuss future discount rate as a goodwill gesture, bearing in mind that all halls have been eligible for a generous government grant to compensate for loss of income.

Membership Secretary: Andrew has postponed new membership for now.

BU3A Constitution states a committee member may serve 3 years only. Several members are due to retire in March 2021 but are prepared to continue for a further year. The hope is that new offers will come from the membership to assist, with a view to replace those due to retire when BU3A is back to full operation.

Peter will send a newsletter with up to date information via mailchimp.

Maureen and Linda to reimburse payments for educational trips which will be sent by post, with printed receipts (Liz to help print)

Website update needed with interest group conveyors and news contributions given to Anne Ling our web site editor.