

WYCLIFFE LUTTERWORTH U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9TH MARCH 2017

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Geoff and Liz Cobbe, Christine Sidey and Malcom and Jane Huckerby.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes of 2016 AGM

There were no matters arising and the minutes were accepted as a true account of the proceedings (proposed by Lynne Kilroy and seconded by Richard Hill).

3. Chairman's Report

Jane thanked all interest group coordinators, committee members and members of the refreshments team for their hard work over the year. Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A is a vibrant and successful organisation, with around 250 members and 37 interest groups. The Social calendar had finished with a Tenth Anniversary Lunch which was enjoyed by 115 people. She also urged all members to become more involved in the activities and running of the organisation and then explained the ideas behind the decision to trial the production of a monthly Bulletin in online format, rather than a printed hard copy. Help is readily available for those members who do not have access to a computer and the savings have enabled us to spend more money on speakers for monthly meetings. Jane thanked everyone for their support during her three years as Chairman.

4. Treasurer's report

Nigel Burt presented the accounts for the period April 2016 until December 2016 (following the change to our financial year, agreed at last Year's AGM.) The accounts had been audited by Eddie Hemsley and showed a current surplus. Bob Howes asked whether the Treasurer would consider reducing the annual subscriptions in the light of this, but it was pointed out to him that a surplus for contingencies is always advisable and that the cost for speakers and venue hire was continually increasing. He was also reminded this would be a decision for the whole committee, not just for the Treasurer. Tony Allen was thanked for his work on the publicity leaflets which have been circulated to advertise Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A. Nigel then asked as many members as possible to pay their annual subscriptions by direct transfer so as to alleviate the long queues at Spring monthly meetings.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the meeting (proposed by Richard Hill and seconded by Trudy Haddon). Bob Howes voted against the motion.

5. Amendment to the Constitution

Jane explained that we now need to have a Secretary as one of our Officers, since the Charities Commission insisted on this and we would shortly have to be registered with them as our annual income now exceeds £5000. The Meeting agreed unanimously to the inclusion of the word "Secretary" in Paragraph 6 (iii) of the Constitution. The new Committee will appoint a Secretary at its first meeting.

6. Election of Chairman and committee members

Retiring from the Committee were Jane Clark, Nigel Bones, George Robertson and Christine Brady.

Nominations had been received as follows:

Chairman: Nigel Burt (Proposed by Sue Creeden and seconded by Vicky Burt)

Treasurer: Janet Newman (proposed by Eddie Hemsley and seconded by Marilyn Hemsley)

Membership Secretary: Susan Creeden (Proposed by Angela Wilson, seconded by Barbara Jelley.)

Speaker Finder: Michael Perry (proposed by Bob Howes and seconded by Trudy Haddon)

Committee Member: Mike Chapman (proposed by Lesley Chapman, seconded by Geoff Dean.)

Committee Member: Tony Allen (Proposed by Dave Hodgson, seconded by Carol Poulton)

Committee Member: Richard Hill (proposed by G Watmore, seconded by Roger Watmore.)

Committee Member: Ann Hetherington (proposed by Julian Hargreaves, seconded by Gillian Graham.)

Committee Member: Linda Goy (proposed by Julian Hargreaves, seconded by Dot Barnard.)

Committee Member : Viv Weller (proposed by Jenny Croft, seconded by Sharon Ward.)

All were elected unanimously.

At this point Nigel Burt was welcomed as the new Chairman. He thanked all interest group coordinators and expressed his hope that membership can be increased to 300. Existing committee members were thanked for their support and a special mention was made for retiring Chairman Jane Clark, which evoked an enthusiastic round of applause.

7.A.O.B.

There was no further business to discuss.

Before the meeting closed, a 20 minute video, made by Ruth and Nigel Bones and Mike Chapman, was shown to the meeting, highlighting the many activities enjoyed by Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A Members. It was witty and amusing and they were thanked for their hard work.

The meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.