



WYCLIFFE LUTTERWORTH U3A

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A held in the Methodist Church Lutterworth on the 8th March 2012.

Chairman: Eddie Hemsley

1. Apologies for Absence were received from:

John Brady, Gillian Derby and Sylvia Smith.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on the 10th March 2011 were considered and it was proposed by Dot Barnard and seconded by June Hartopp that they be approved without change. This proposition was carried and the minutes duly signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the year had been very successful as reflected in the membership increase from 120 in April 2011 to just over 180 at the present time. These figures indicated that there was a real need for this kind of organisation. One of the key advantages of a larger and increasing membership is that it helps to sustain, develop and re-vitalise the various group activities. He exhorted the membership not to be reticent in coming forward with suggestions and new ideas, as this was important in helping the organisation to grow.

He stated that he had endeavoured to provide a varied programme of speakers that he hoped that members had found interesting. However, he was always keen to find new opportunities so if any member knew of a speaker source he would be pleased to hear from them.

He referred to the new website very ably created by Bob which was already proving to be a valuable asset.

He stated that we had worked hard during the year to strengthen our relationships with the Lutterworth U3A so that we can share more activities and reduce overlapping wherever possible. We also continued to play a full part in the area U3A Network.

With respect to the current year, the Committee was exploring the possibility of providing a few different activities such as an Antiques Roadshow! Garden Party, Outings and A Christmas Concert. Details to be revealed in due course.

He thanked all the Group Co-ordinators for their continuing efforts in keeping the Groups buoyant and interesting, the Committee members for their support during the year and for their work and efforts in helping to take the organisation forward and a final thanks to all the members for making the Wycliffe Lutterworth U3A what it is.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Bob Howes, presented the annual accounts for the year ended 29th February 2012. He gave explanations regarding various items and also of the notes attached to the accounts. He specifically referred to the donation received from Waitrose and stated that this money would be used to pay for the hire of the Church Porch for Group meetings. Overall, the U3A had had a positive financial year with a surplus of £657 being made.

The capitation fee for the year, payable to the Third Age Trust, was £3.50 per head and taking this figure into account and after reviewing our own needs he proposed that the annual subscription for 2012/13 should be set at £12 per person. This proposition was unanimously agreed.

He asked members, when renewing their membership, to pay by cheque if at all possible to ease the administration.

With regards to the website, he stated that it was now a valuable information source and being well used. He confirmed that he would be willing to include members own input on the website.

Bob was thanked for the efficient way that he had maintained and presented the accounts.

It was proposed by John Jeffrey, seconded by Ray Godfrey that the accounts be accepted subject to audit. The proposition was carried.

6. Election of Chairman

Eddie Hemsley was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.

7. Election of Committee

All the existing committee members had indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and as there were no other written nominations

the following were unanimously re-elected: Ann Ashworth, Barbara Ewen, Julian Hargreaves, Eddie Hemsley, Bob Howes, Bernard Poile, Christine Sidey, and Sylvia Wilson .

8. Any Other Business

The members were invited to ask questions or comment on the year's proceedings after which the meeting was closed.