

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of HESWALL U3A

Background to procedural change: - Due to Covid-19, Members were notified by email on 7th May 2020 that the planned date of the AGM would move back to, hopefully, September in anticipation of being then able to run a face to face meeting. Our Constitution requires an AGM to be held in 2020 but as the months passed it became obvious such a meeting would not be able to take place in 2020 due to the UK Government's Covid-19 restrictions.

The Management Committee decided there was no alternative other than to email Members with the last AGM minutes, the Accounts to 31st March 2020 plus a short report in lieu of speeches. The necessary vote process to be carried out mainly on-line, a test vote using Googleform having proved successful. Members without email to have the paperwork including a paper voting form posted to them. This decision, together with a request for members to come forward to be on the Management Committee, was emailed to Members on 23rd September with the date of the AGM set as 2nd November 2020.

On 9th October, in order to give due notification, Business Secretary, Liz Stewardson, emailed members the documents together with an electronic voting link and, in case of difficulty with that, a paper voting form. Members without email were posted their printed papers. It was noted the vote would close at 12noon on 2nd November and members were asked to vote once they had read the documents.

Summary of the Management Committee Report: -

Chair: - Alison Adlard noted the year 2019-2020 had been a year of continued growth both in membership and activities and in September 2019 we celebrated our 10th anniversary. Since March 2020, Covid-19 has curtailed activities but numerous groups have worked within the Covid-19 rules to keep in touch by virtual means, in gardens and on several organised walks. A new Newsletter has been issued both by email and to our members who are not on email. Alison looked forward to returning to "new normal" activities as soon as possible and invited members to her email her with suggestions.

Our retiring Treasurer: - Sue Mousley advised a surplus on the 12 months ending 31st March 2020 of £3,822, carried forward balance of £16,820, hence the decision at the last AGM to decrease subscriptions to £10 for 2020 - 2021. Group & Activity figures showed a healthy increase in member activities.

Our new Treasurer: - Neil Jones proposed we continue to use reserves to subsidise 2021-2022 costs and the Management Committee proposal was to hold the 2021-2022 subscription to £10.

New Management Committee Members: - As there were fewer than 14 volunteers to form the Management Committee going forward there was no requirement for an election and from 2nd November 2020 the Management Committee members are: - Alison Adlard, Liz Stewardson, Beryl Ashburner, Neil Jones, Ray Allan, Cees Parmentier, Bill Woods, Bill Ashburner, Sue Mousley, Liz Davenport and Lesley Dibben.

Vote count: - After 12noon on 2nd November 2020 the electronic and paper votes were assembled, checked against the membership database for validity and then counted.

168 members cast their votes, this achieved the required 15% quorum. All 3 proposals were carried.

The actual results were:

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	RESULT
To accept the minutes of 2019 AGM	164	0	4	CARRIED
To accept Treasurer's Report to 31.3.2020	165	0	3	CARRIED
To accept Mgt. Comm. proposal for 2021-2022 subs to be £10.	166	0	2	CARRIED

Results notification: - On 3rd November, Business Secretary, Liz Stewardson, emailed members to advise that a quorum had been achieved and all 3 proposals had been accepted.

An email address for members to send any comments relevant to this AGM had been given in the "Report From The Management Committee" as issued to members on 9th October, no subsequent comments have been received.

The planned date of next AGM is 28th June 2021.

LS 9th November 2020