

## MINUTES OF THE TWELTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of HESWALL U3A

Held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 10:15, at Heswall Hall, there were 180 members present

- 1) **Minutes of the AGM held on 2.11.20** were received and approved by show of hands as a correct record.
- 2) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 3) **Chair's Report.** Alison Adlard started by saying how good it was to see members again, what an extraordinary time it is and how lockdown had set the Management Team severe challenges. We tried to do our best to keep members connected in as many ways as possible to reduce the sense of utter isolation.  
Some 15 Newsletters were issued with numerous attachments of recipes, humour and information on the next Zoom speaker meeting. Thanks were given to the many members who had helped put Newsletters together, to the Ashburner's for a mammoth print job and to numerous members for their hand delivery to those not on email.  
Thanks to a new Zoom licence we offered 25 virtual events and several Interest Groups also used Zoom to continue to function. Many members went through a steep learning curve to master the vagaries of technology. The combined Walking Groups organised a series of local walks all carefully within the regulations, much enjoyed by many who'd been walking alone. A few groups managed to meet in gardens, two new groups started on Zoom and were a source of much laughter.  
Alison commented that no doubt she'd missed out many of the remarkable achievements since we were last able to meet, so many active members doing so many things. Gradually Groups are restarting, many in different locations.  
This September we started back with events at Heswall Hall duly altered to account for changes both at the hall and in terms of numbers, the need for space & ventilation and we continue to feel our way.  
Alison noted the virus remains a threat but she celebrates the efforts of the combined Trustee team and all those members who have contributed so much to keep things on track. Finishing saying " As they say, onwards and upwards".
- 4) **Treasurer's Report.**
  - a) Neil Jones, Treasurer, formally submitted the Treasurer's Report including accounts for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and thanked Mike Reddy for his role as Accounts Examiner. There were no questions.
  - b) The accounts were approved by a show of hands.
  - c) Members had been advised on the agenda the proposed subscription rate for 22/23 will be £15. This was approved by a show of hands.

**5) Election of Trustee Committee.** Following the limited response to the request for new Trustees, the following agreed to stand for the forthcoming period until the next AGM; Alison Adlard, Lesley Dibben, Beryl Ashburner, Sue Mousley, Liz Stewardson, Bill Ashburner, Neil Jones, Bill Woods, Ray Allen, Cees Parmentier and newly appointed John Lennox and Doug Maddock.

**6) Any other business.**

a) Jen Joyner thanked Alison and the other Trustees for all they had been doing over lockdown to keep members involved whether by zoom or newsletters and asked the membership if they would join her in giving a vote of thanks.

**7) The planned date of next AGM is 27th June 2022.**

Liz Stewardson

24<sup>th</sup> November 2021