

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of HESWALL U3A.

Held on Monday 28th November 2022, 10:15, at Heswall Hall, there were 182 members present.

- 1) **Minutes of the AGM held on 22.11.21** 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 noted it had been a year of emergence and transition following the worst of the pandemic and whilst singing was not permitted by the audience at the 2021 Christmas social it had been good to see and meet people again. Redesigning members' meetings to meet needs safely has been difficult and is still being worked on as the pre-pandemic packed environment is no longer acceptable. Attendance at Speaker Meetings is still down despite membership being a healthy 679. Many members are still not willing to meet up in large groups. Thanks to the efforts of a few members new groups have been emerging, but our biggest challenge is finding volunteers whether as Trustees to provide new ideas and input or as Group Organisers to set-up new groups as many groups are full. Without new organisers and initiatives things begin to stall so all members were asked to consider how they can contribute.
Having been Chair since June 2019 Alison noted she was stepping down as Chair to emphasise the concept of change, she only intended to do it for a year but in March 2020 the world changed and the subsequent period has been one of intense change, she thanked her Trustee colleagues for their support and expertise and asked members to put their hands together to show their appreciation for the Trustee team.

Liz Stewardson then presented Alison with a planter as a small token of appreciation for her tremendous effort during a very difficult period and asked for members to show their thanks.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report.**
 - a) Neil Jones, Treasurer, formally submitted the Treasurer's Report including accounts for the 12 months to 31st March 2022 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 remain at £15. This was approved by a show of hands.
- 5) **Election of Trustee Committee.** Following the zero 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 and Doug Maddock.
- 6) There was no other business.
- 7) The planned date of next AGM is 26th June 2023.