

Street & Glastonbury U3A

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 2018

Glastonbury Town Hall 10.00am

Stephen Wright, the Chairman, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

There were 67 members present and 17 apologies.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May, 2017, having been circulated previously, were taken as a true record

Proposed: Lorna Mowinska

Seconded: Sue Thorogood

The motion was carried.

The Chairman, Stephen Wright, informed the meeting that David King sadly passed away last Saturday. David was a long-time supporter of Glastonbury & Street U3A and he ran the Bridge Group for quite a while. He was loved and respected by many members and will be greatly missed by Street & Glastonbury U3A.

3. Chairman's Report:

Stephen said that his term as Chairman was sadly at an end and he thanked each member of the committee individually for their help and support. This was also Julie's last year on the committee, latterly as Membership Secretary, but over 10 years she filled various posts on the committee. Stephen, on behalf of all members, thanked Julie for all her work and presented her with flowers and chocolates. Julie will be followed as Membership Secretary by Paul Vernoum and Carole Fox is replacing Nicky Hockey as Venues Secretary.

Stephen continued his report saying that our membership is rapidly increasing and this brings changes and increasing challenges. New interest groups will be included in the next programme and these will replace those groups which are not continuing. The re-introduced trips continue to be popular and the revived monthly coffee mornings are now well established and provide a place for members to meet.

Stephen concluded by saying that this had been a good year for Street & Glastonbury U3A and the future looks very bright.

4. Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Andy Pickford, displayed on an overhead screen the accounts from September 2016 – August 2017. He mentioned that these had been published in

the March newsletter and were the first annual accounts running from September to August to match the membership and group activity year.

Our annual membership fee is £10; of this £3.50 goes to the Third Age Trust as membership of the national organization; a further £2.00 goes again to the Third Age Trust for distribution of the U3A magazine. This leaves £4.50 per member to run Street & Glastonbury U3A.

The fees charged for each group equates roughly to £1.00 per session which is obviously a nominal amount. Andy pointed out that if groups had to be self-financing charges would be higher for around half of our groups.

Last year the Committee voted to offer Gift Aid donations from the start of the year and this gave us a refund of £550.00 from HMRC which will help to offset any losses incurred during the year.

5. Election of New Committee Members:

Mike Ellington, the current Vice Chairman, is standing as Chairman.

Proposer: Peter Griffiths

Seconded: Elaine Robertson

Carole Fox had been seconded to the Committee as Venues Secretary.

Proposer: Goodrun Bromfield

Seconded: Malcolm Allen

Paul Vernoun had also been seconded to the Committee as Membership Secretary.

Proposed: Julie Hillman

Seconded: Pat Thompson

The remainder of the Committee was elected en masse.

Proposed: Shirley Powell

Seconded: Elaine Robertson

6. News from the Groups:

Stephen is continuing in his role as Groups Co-ordinator and reported that we are continuing the policy of running special interest groups at a small loss. Some of last year's groups may not run this year due to retirement by Groups Leaders.

We are finalising the winter programme at the moment and Stephen asked members to please let him know if anyone would like to run a group, or to help in any way.

7. Special Events:

Stephen reported that we had a very busy year with many activities. All the trips were sold out; amongst them was a canal trip on a horse drawn barge and 3D printer demonstration in Taunton.

We will be holding the Christmas Party in December at Compdon Dundon Village Hall once again and we will have a short special general meeting during the Christmas Party to update our Constitution, as required by Third Age Trust.

Monthly coffee mornings continue with talks and presentations and the occasional quiz. Because the Small Hall in Glastonbury Town Hall is now too small for the numbers attending, from July the monthly coffee mornings will be held in St Mary's Hall, Glastonbury, on the last Thursday of each month.

We have a visit to SS Great Britain planned in September and we have also planned several trips over the next year.

The Summer Picnic is being held on Friday 1 June. We would like volunteers to work in 30 minute slots to hand out teas and coffees in the kitchen.

8. Data Protection :

Julie explained that she had been tasked with looking at the new legislation to make sure that we comply with the changes.

She said that because we gather data we come under the new GDPR regulations. In the first instance we gather basic information from members. We are justified in collecting information as long as we inform members we are doing so. We are, therefore, taking measures to hold data securely and we are in the process of formalising this in line with guidelines from Third Age Trust. We also have to make sure that the data is correct and it is the responsibility of members to give the Membership Secretary information of any changes in their personal details. Members have the right to view their own information that we hold, or to have it deleted.

One variation we have to be sure of is third parties outside of U3A. For example print shops and distribution companies for outside communications which relates to U3A membership, such as Third Age Trust magazines and our newsletter.

Our membership form will be modified to include these changes and there will also be more detailed information in the July newsletter on the way GDPR affects our members.

Our newsletter printing company will be observing these new procedures and Julie said that Group Leaders should also be on board and should in future blind copy (BCC) recipients of emails.

9. Any Other Business:

Stephen reported that for a long while we have been a member of the Avalon U3A Network. Members of the Avalon Network are Crewkerne, Chard & Ilminster, Camelot, Somerton, Martock and Yeovil. We have also been a member of the North Somerset U3A for around the past twelve months. The North Somerset U3A Network includes Wells, Shepton Mallet, Cheddar, Bridgwater and many more. The Committee decided that there was no benefit in duplicating the information we were getting and as Glastonbury & Street U3A sits geographically more in the North Somerset area we have resigned from the Avalon Network.

Future Dates:

Summer Picnic is being held at Walton Village Hall on 1 June from 2 – 4pm.

Enrolment will be on 23 August in Glastonbury Town Hall from 10am until noon. Stephen asked members not to arrive before 10am as Group Leaders need time to set up the room.

Group Leaders' Meeting is on 7 June in the Small Hall, Glastonbury Town Hall at 10am.

Coffee morning and quiz on 29 June in the Small Hall, Glastonbury Town Hall at 10am. This will be the last coffee morning at this venue. We will be moving coffee mornings to St Mary's Hall, Glastonbury from July to the last Thursday of the month as the hall is booked on Friday mornings.

We will be visiting SS Great Britain in September.

Stephen ended by saying that Street & Glastonbury U3A continues to thrive and prosper, mainly due to the enthusiasm of all our members.

Before the Meeting was formally closed Mike Ellingham, the incoming Chairman, thanked Stephen for all his hard work as Chairman and presented him with a gift of vouchers for a river boat trip and cream tea for two.

The Meeting ended at 10.40am and was followed by refreshments and a talk by Brian Wright.