

MINUTES  
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
WILMSLOW U3A

Wednesday, 22nd March 2023

Present:

Martin Cook (Chairman), Kate Bryant (Treasurer), Angela Every (Vice-Chairman), Pauline Bushnell (Business Secretary), John Cookson (Webmaster), Dave Mangnall (Membership Secretary), Anne Grace, Gillian Fosdyke, Peter Highfield and 36 members (their names appearing in the list annexed to these Minutes).

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Babeth Thompson, Margo Sibbitt, Gina Prunier, Gordon Lloyd and Ann Broadbridge.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 22<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 were presented, they having previously been circulated to the membership together with the other AGM documents. The Minutes were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Chairman's report

The Chairman said that this was the second occasion since Lockdown that we had been able to hold the AGM without the assistance of Zoom. During this last year the monthly Wednesday meetings had returned to normal and that we had a number of speakers on various subjects and entertainers and he commented briefly on each of them. He said that a full year of speakers on various topics and entertainers had been arranged by Margo Sibbitt for

2023/4. He said that the current membership was about 360 and that about 80 people had not renewed their membership but that we also had about 20 new members. The reasons for the failure of 80 members to renew were unknown. He went on to say that the groups were doing well and that four new groups had been formed recently. They were Art, "The Moral Maze", Scrabble and an online book group. He said that this was largely as a result of the hard work done by Babeth Thompson who was also currently working on a revised Group Convenors Handbook and who was also in the process of arranging a meeting (with refreshments) for the Convenors to get to know one another and to discuss matters generally affecting groups. He thanked Babeth for the work she had done over the year. He then reported on the recent meeting (the first since before Lockdown) of the North East Cheshire Network of U3As. This comprised Bramhall, Cheadle, Cheadle and Gatley, Macclesfield, Poynton and Wilmslow. He said that this had largely been taken up with getting to know one another again and discussing problems common to all the U3As in the network. He said that he and the Business Secretary had attended that meeting and that a further meeting would take place in April. He said that this was his last year as Chairman and he had found it fascinating in many ways. He thanked all members of the Committee for their support and hard work through the year and particularly Pauline Bushnell who would be standing down at the completion of her time on the Committee as allowed by the Constitution, and Margo Sibbitt who was retiring as Speaker Organiser.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year 2022/3 and said they had been checked and approved by the Treasurer of Macclesfield U3A. She said that the funds for 2021 had amounted to £9,188 and for 2022 £4,503, being both the restricted and unrestricted funds then held. She explained that restricted funds related to specific projects or belonged to some of the groups, and that unrestricted funds were available to be used generally. All amounts due from our funds had been paid, mainly for the hire of the halls and rooms at the Church and these charges had increased by 10% this year. In addition £4 for each member had to be paid to the U3A Trust and we also had to pay for Beacon. This had produced a reduction in our funds to £4,821. The

situation was improving due to the fairly recent reintroduction of the £1 charge for the monthly Wednesday meetings which had brought in £281. In view of the need to put us in a better financial position the Committee had decided that the subscription for this year would be £14. Caroline Mangnall queried the fact that the amount paid by members for the Trust magazine was less than the amount charged to us by the Trust. The Treasurer said that as the difference had been small no increase had been proposed but no doubt the matter would be considered further by the new Committee. She went on to say that the incoming funds would put the Wilmslow U3A in a more secure financial position and that we would have sufficient funds to devote to projects of a charitable nature where considered appropriate. She presented the accounts to the meeting and their adoption was proposed by Peter Highfield and seconded by Eileen Clayton. The Accounts were approved. A signed copy of the Accounts is annexed to these Minutes.

#### Election of the Committee

The Chairman read out the names of the persons standing for election and re-election to the Committee together with the names of the Proposers and Seconders. There were no contested positions and accordingly the members proposed and seconded were elected. They are:

Chairman	Angela Every
Vice Chairman	Peter Highfield
Treasurer	Kate Bryant
Deputy Treasurer	Peter Highfield
Business Secretary	Gillian Fosdyke
Membership Secretary	David Mangnall
Webmaster	John Cookson
Groups Co-ordinator	Babeth Thompson
Newsletter Editor	Cherry Dolden
Speaker Co-ordinator	Martin Cook

Social Secretary

Anne Grace

No-one was proposed to take the remaining places on the Committee and accordingly the Committee is constituted of those members named above.

Any other business

The Chairman said that in previous months the Committee had been considering the adoption of the proposed new Constitution produced by the Trust either as it stood or with certain amendments but that despite a considerable amount of time being spent on it no final conclusions had been reached and it would be a matter for the new Committee as to whether or not it would proceed. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting. John Cookson then proposed a vote of thanks to the current Committee, both those continuing and those retiring which was supported by all members present.

Chairman.....

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