

Committee Meeting 6th October 2021 10.30am Hillstown Village Hall

Apologies : Steve Holloway

Present : Peter Coombs, Wendy Lines, Gwen Webster, Jean Hassall
Gary Hewitt, Jen Sykes, Gill Daily

Matters Arising

Cost of membership was settled at £10 for next year but we did not consider joint membership. Jean will advise on the appropriate discount and we will finalise next meeting.

Chair Report

Peter thanked all who helped with the Summer Fayre which helped to raise the u3a profile locally. Also attending the Hillstown Monday coffee mornings has proved fruitful for new members.

Secretary Report

No new items to report at this time.

Treasurer Report

Grant Funds and spending, Jean to check with Lottery if we might use the moneys saved from the bowls mat for the purchase of a storage frame for the mats.

Discounts for room hire have now ceased.

Jean will look into internet banking, which would make managing the accounts much easier.

There are some funds in hand from Family History group, Jean will contact Pam to help sort where this money should go.

Membership Secretary Report

We now have 104members.

Memory sticks cannot be pass-worded but the files put onto them can be. Jen asked for 2 more memory sticks, Gary to source.

Group Co-ordinator Report.

Peter reports that the supper club and lunch club both have events planned at the Elm Tree at Elmton and at Chesters respectively.

A.O.B.

Gill is considering starting a French language group and will investigate what help/courses are available on the internet.

Covid Risk Assessment for General Meetings etc.

We discussed what assessments had been made for Hillstown Village Hall and agreed to check guidance on the u3a website to ensure we are following best practice and can demonstrate this. Peter advised that HVH had carried out a detailed risk assessment of their premises and that he has a copy of this.

Kevin is to be asked to put an article in the newsletter about the need for masks and ventilation and also to state as winter deepens members must be prepared for rooms to be cooler (because of ventilation) and to dress warmly.

Meetings held in members homes must also risk assess their arrangements.

Feedback from regional Conference.

Peter, Gwen and Jean went to Regional Conference. The New national chair spoke well and the general consensus from our delegates is that we are generally on the right track as a group, but some new ideas were useful and would be put into practice as the opportunity arises.

Coffee Mornings at Hillstown.

Have proven successful and a source of new members. All committee thought a continued weekly presence to be a good idea and to share committee attendance and review as time goes on.

Elastic FM Martin Gamble

The committee were in favour of a possible interview/podcast with Martin with regards to Bolsover u3a. Gary to contact Martin and find out more.

The Christmas General Meeting was discussed and it was decided we would like to provide some form of buffet and to check the budget from previous years. Jen will ask 'Love of Food' if they would lend their expertise and guide the committee as to what can be done.

It was also suggested that a quiz might be a good option. Also agreed to ask Kevin to provide appropriate music as singing together is not Covid safe.

Next Meeting:- 3rd November 10.30 at Hillstown.