NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27^H APRIL 2022 AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD

PRESENT

Rosie Allen Chair (Arnold), Sue Blackley Secretary (Beeston), Chris Niven Vice Chair (Eastwood and District), Margot Gale Network Contact (Beeston) Peter Edge Webmaster, Peter Harding (Keyworth) Jay Fairbairn, Anne Smithson (Ashfield) Paul Martinez (Carlton and Gedling), John Lewis, (Bingham) Barbara Taylor, Ken Jones, Cindy Rossiter (Calverton and District) Ann Street(Dukeries) Carole Harrison (Mansfield), Carolyn Luckhurst (Mapperley) Liz Gilder(The Park) Lynden Lowe, Wendy Dixon (Rainworth), Andy Bebbington (Ravenshead), Brian Platts (Southwell), Paco Saucedo, (West Bridgford) Sarah Spilsbury, Carol Bridgwater Alan Bridgwater Liz Hudson(Wollaton), Sheila Massey, Roger Hancock, Peter Fillingham (Worksop and District) Jean Hogg Regional Trustee

WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RA welcomed everyone and accepted apologies from Anna Moore, Leslye Henstock, Mark Jackson, Yvonne Haynes, Andrew Harper, Sue Butler, Maria Gabrielczyk, Paul Fileman, Hazel Stenson, Terry Hardman, Sue Bryant of Edwalton & Gamston

u3a CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 24th, 2022

- Members from the Publicity Support group are planning the event.
- Olympic style beacons will be passed from u3a to u3a ending in the Market Square Nottingham on September 24th. Individual u3as can decide how they use/transport the beacon to fit in with their celebrations. Smaller u3as may wish to share activities with larger ones. Ideas to be shared with the planning group.
- Permission for the event in the square still needs confirmation.
- There are plans for a flash mob, steel band, cream teas, cycle rides etc.
- The steel band will need a marguee to protect the pans and transport to get to the square.
- Over half Notts u3as are planning to participate.
- Dukeries u3a is planning the choreography for the flash mob. Details to be sent to u3as as soon as possible allowing maximum time for practice.
- u3as to let the planning group know if they would like the beacon to arrive with them on a particular day to fit in with other celebration events they may be organising. The plan will be circulated to all u3as.
- A large banner that can be held while walking is needed.
- Help with publicity is needed including TV, Radio, press etc. Suggestions for contacts are needed.
- The new PR advisor Diane Lucas may be able to help with press releases.
- Ideally each u3a will have a named individual as a contact.

HYBRID MEETINGS. BRIAN PLATTS

- Help with the technology possible from John Butler/Ravenshead.
- Demand for remote meetings has dropped.
- A vote was taken on preferences for future network meetings.

Face to face meetings 12 votes

2 remote and 2 face to face 13 votes

Hybrid 3 votes.

• u3as not at the meeting will be asked for their opinions before a final decision is taken.

NOTTS NETWORK QUIZ

- Online zoom type quiz.
- Sufficient interest to go ahead

PEER SUPPORT GROUPS.

- Carole Harrison (PSG co-ordinator) explained the purpose of PSG groups and asked for information to be sent to her which can be circulated in News Bites.
- These groups are open to anyone and not just someone in the specific role.

PAT TESTING

Advice is available on the TAT website. However, many agreed that annual testing is advisable.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 27TH July 2022 10am at St Peter's Ravenshead.

Chair	Secretary	Date
Rosie Allen		ue Blackley