

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD**

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Rosie Allen Chair (Arnold), Rita Foulkes Treasurer (Sherwood), Sue Blackley Secretary (Beeston), Peter Edge Web Master (Keyworth), Margot Gale, Notts. County Contact and Vice Chair (Beeston), Lynne Jaremczenko, News Bites Editor, (Carlton & Gedling), Jean Hogg, Regional Trustee (Keyworth). Ann Smithson (Ashfield), Rosie Garner, John Lewis (Bingham), Anna Moore (Burton Joyce), Chris Niven (Eastwood) George Golledge (Edwalton and Gamston), Michael King, Kath Wolstenholme, Jane Atkins (Forest Town), Mark Jackson (Hucknall), Carole Harrison (Mansfield), Maggie Grimshaw (Mapperley) Susie Bergenroth (Nottingham), Liz Gilder, Jo Martin (The Park) Pam Berry (Rainworth), Alan Paul, Trevor Smith (Ravenshead), Lynda Brotherhood (Sherwood), Paul Fileman (Soar Valley), Marjorie Bramhill (Southwell), Trevor Williams (Stapleford), Marilyn Jones (Sutton in Ashfield), Zena Inger (Warsop) Paco Saucedo (West Bridgford), Sheila Massey, Roger Hancocks (Worksop)  |
| <b>ITEM 1</b>  | Apologies received from Malcolm McDowell (Radcliffe), Neil Hunt (Arnold)<br>Rosie Allen welcomed everyone   |
| <b>ITEM 2</b>  | <b>Notts Network AGM</b>  |
| <b>ITEM 3</b>  | <b>AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS &amp; ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING DATED 25.07.18</b><br>The expenditure on ink cartridges was questioned again by Marilyn Jones (Sutton in Ashfield). RA explained that this was historic but had been discussed at the Officers meeting and any future spending will have to be approved by the Chair.<br>The minutes for the meeting on 25.07.2018 were agreed and accepted.<br>Proposer Trevor Williams (Stapleford)<br>Secunder Zena Inger (Warsop)   |
| <b>ITEM 4</b>  | The wording has been amended in the minutes of the meeting held on 25.10.17 to ensure accuracy. (Item 4a)<br>The documents 'Consultation on New U3As' and 'Criteria for choosing where to open a new U3A' are now together on one page and there was a very positive response when U3As were consulted.<br>29 U3As were consulted<br>23 responded<br>22 agreed<br>1 abstained<br>No-one disagreed so the document has been adopted.   |
| <b>ITEM 5</b>  | <b>REPORTS</b><br><b>TREASURER</b> – Rita Foulkes<br>RF had circulated her report prior to the meeting and was reported on at the AGM.<br><br><b>REGIONAL TRUSTEE</b> – Jean Hogg<br>The comprehensive report was previously circulated<br>JH highlighted the following points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quality and structure of the Notts Network was praised.</li> <li>• The importance of the 'Learning not Lonely 'national publication was stressed</li> <li>• There is a Regional Budget which can be tapped into.</li> <li>• A future development would be to look at possibilities to work together across the region.</li> <li>• National Website very useful particularly the advice section. Sources is going online and there is a useful blog.</li> <li>• A new model constitution is due January/February 2019</li> </ul> <b>SUPPORT OFFICER</b> -Paul Martinez<br>Thanks to Marilyn Jones and Rosie Garner for the success of the Facebook workshop.<br>The forthcoming Communications workshop is full and as tickets are booked through Eventbrite it isn't possible to compile a waiting list. 50 people will be attending.<br>The first prelaunch meeting has taken place at Wollaton.<br>New groups in Bulwell and Calverton will be considered for 2019.<br>A Science/Technology peer support group may be possible.<br>The Ageing Well conference is scheduled for October 2019.<br>Still need more groups to host Peer Support Groups. Suggestions and offers to PM. |
| <b>ITEM 6</b>  | <b>U3A FLASHMOB</b><br>Following a workshop at the National Conference it has been mooted that U3A should organise a national Flash mob to advertise and promote the organisation in a fun way.<br>Representatives were asked to discuss this with their committees and to let RA know by November 26 <sup>th</sup> if they would be interested in taking part. RA to circulate a paper about the proposal.   |

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| <b>ITEM 7</b> | <p><b>AOB</b><br/>Paul Fileman from Soar Valley informed the meeting that he leads an Engineering/Innovation Group and would like to set up an online discussion forum enabling members to share ideas/ places to visit etc. After strong support within the meeting he and PM will follow it up.</p> |
|               | <p><b>COMFORT BREAK</b></p>   |
|               | <p><b>BEACON PRESENTATION BY LYNNE JAREMCZENKO</b><br/>It was agreed that a further Beacon workshop would be useful. <b>U</b></p>   |
|               | <p>Future meetings<br/>January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 Focussed discussion on recruiting new committee members<br/>April 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 Informal meeting with coffee and cake where members will share 'Bright/Quirky ideas.<br/><br/>RA thanked everyone for attending.</p>                       |

Chair..... Secretary.....Date 31.10. 2018

**Rosie Allen**

**Sue Blackley**