

## GLOSSOP U3A

### COMMITTEE MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013, @ BRADBURY HOUSE, GLOSSOP.

**1. APOLOGIES** - Alan Conchie, David Woods.

**2. PRESENT** - John Searle, Doreen Ball, Denise Porter, Sylvia Rogerson, Norma Hayden, Barbara Connah, Maureen Hobson, Jean Cliff, Maureen Brennan, Maureen Brierley.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - MAB proposed and SR seconded that the Minutes of the last meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be accepted and this was agreed by remainder of Committee members.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) PAT - AC absent so this will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

(b) Accounts Auditor - MH reported that B. Sharp had declined to take on this task. Graham Sharratt had recommended that Ken Charlton may take this on. MH had spoken to Mr. Charlton who has agreed to carry out the Account Audit on his return from holiday. Rita France had also kindly agreed that she would, if required, take on the task of Account Auditor.

(c) Glossop U3A Constitution Sub Committee - MAB had nothing to report and the Committee would report back later in the year.

(d) Third Age Magazine - MB has completed the list of members who would like to receive this magazine and a list of 68 members details has been forwarded to Head Office. MAB has cheque value £42.80p, to cover the cost, signed and ready to forward to Head Office. MB has sent all Committee Members a list of Glossop U3A Members.

(e) JC spoke to Mrs. Manchee, and confirmed by e-mail, that a list of Glossop U3A Groups had been placed on the notice board in Bradbury House on SR's return from holiday.

(f) Temporary Membership - AC has sent our take on Temporary Members to National Office and is awaiting their reply. This problem was discussed at length at the Group Leaders meeting. A copy of the U3A Pamphlet (Overview of U3A Insurance Policies and frequently asked questions) to be forwarded to all Committee members.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE** - leaflet on various U3A publications for the Older and Wiser received from head office to be displayed for members information.

#### **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

(i) Capitation fee of £3.50p per member of U3A as at December 2012 is now due for payment. This amounts to a figure of £1179.80p. MAB has requested the relevant paperwork from National Office and will forward the outstanding amount to Head Office immediately she has this to hand.

(ii) MAB presented an up to date budget statement showing a balance in Current Account of £1746.

**7. COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

(i) MB reported Jenny Nickleson has now paid her subs. (ii)

MB has sent to Committee Members an up to date list of Glossop U3A Members. The 68 names on the bottom of the list are magazine recipients. The list has also been sent to Head Office. Glossop U3A now has 351 members. There are still eleven membership cards in MB's possession which MB will try to seek these members out.

A question was asked – if a member loses their membership card would a replacement be given to replace this. Unfortunately cards are printed numerically, so the member would have to have their previous card cancelled and a new card and number issued.

**9. EVENT CO-ORDINATORS REPORT** - Nothing to report

**10. GROUP & ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT.**

(a) Minutes of the Group Leaders Meeting to be given to all Group Leaders and Committee Members. John Kitching is unhappy with not being able to take family and friends on visits/outings. He was asked to put his problem in writing to the Committee – he declined.

**JS** requested that e-mails relating to U3A business from Committee Member to Committee Member be sent to all Members of the Committee.

**SR** reported that Coffee Mornings are going very well and 5/6 Temp. Members are signing up each time (2 couples have run out of time to join a group, 1 lady is sick and 1 not communicating.)

Temp Members joining in April will have to pay the £5 membership on becoming a member of Glossop U3A and then need to pay a further membership fee in 3 months. It was agreed by all the Committee that this is how it is now and should remain the same. There is now a list available showing which groups have vacancies that Temp. Members can take up. Groups are also keeping waiting list of Temp. Members. A couple are going to start up a new History Group and Norma Wright has agreed to assist them. Encouragement needed to Members to start up new groups.

**AC** to be asked to put a request on the web site for volunteers to start up new groups. **SR to Action.**

**A.O.B.**

(i) Dates of Coffee Mornings confirmed.

(ii) Catchment Area - After much discussion it was agreed that any person wishing to join Glossop U3A should be asked if a U3A Group is operating in the area in which they reside and, if so, suggest that they join such U3A. A definite area is required - **SR** to communicate with **AC** regarding map of area and also to make a list of U3A Groups in the area.

Committee Members were asked to think about what to do. It was proposed by **BC** and seconded by **MH** - **SR** to use her discretion until a definite ruling is agreed upon.

(iii) It was unanimously agreed that membership of Glossop U3A should not be suspended. This had been tried in the past and didn't work. New blood is always required to stop stagnation of the U3A.

A suggestion was put forward that another U3A Group be set up, this had been tried before and there were too many anomalies. Last year 36 members left Glossop U3A approximately 10% of membership.

**DP/SR** agreed to look into the logistics of setting up a Group similar but not the same as the Thursday Group which could encompass the members on the waiting list for the Thursday Group and the Temp. Members looking to join a group. Discussion took place as to the frequency of meetings, venue, cost of room hire, title of group, cost of speakers, etc., DP/SR to bring suggestions to net meeting.

Meeting Closed at 1.20.p.m.

Next Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.