

Minutes of South Lakes u3a Virtual AGM 2021

10.00am Wednesday 19 May 2021

Chairman's welcome

David Little welcomed the attendees to the Annual General Meeting of South Lakes u3a.

This is a hybrid meeting in the sense that all formal documents have been circulated in advance and voting has already taken place either through email or by post. All of the relevant documents have been widely circulated and are also on the website. As usual this meeting will not be recorded, all attendees to be 'muted'. David Little asked that any questions raised are done so using the 'chat' facility on Zoom.

Our Constitution requires 30 members for a Quorum, we have received 134 valid votes either by email or through the post.

After the formalities are concluded there will be a short talk from a guest speaker.

Apologies

There were 10 apologies received, Hilary Claxton, Bob Wells, Audrey Stainton, Jenny Harrison, Brenda Linney, Christine Raafat, Rita Farnsworth, Elaine Hodgkinson, Janet Thompson, Martin Thompson.

Minutes of last year's AGM

The minutes of the AGM 2020 were approved with 119 votes for, 15 abstentions, no votes against.

Matters arising

BACS payments are being used to remit funds to the u3a both for Membership and Group Subscriptions.

Risk assessments, insurance and Covid Advice - a number of guidance notes have been issued on this, most of them have been immediately overtaken by changes to the regulations. Over the course of the summer further guidance will be issued as appropriate.

Committee Meeting Minutes are on the website.

Hopefully a system to regularly print Newsletters for those not on email has been developed, in addition there will be a printed Handbook every year for all members.

It is still South Lakes u3a policy that there is NO requirement for all members to have email addresses.

Chairman's Annual Report

The report has been widely circulated and is available on the website.

David Little commented briefly on the report, however, since this document was written there has been a significant change to the committee's circumstances.

After the ballot papers were issued, Philip, Hilary Claxton (our vice chair)'s husband, became seriously ill and is currently in hospital. Understandably Hilary has said that she needs to resign with immediate effect so that she can concentrate her energy on her family. I know that you will join with me in sending our very best wishes to Philip, Hilary and her family and to thank her for the very large amount of work that she has done over the last twelve months and in her time on the Committee before that.

As we were already two committee members short following the failure to attract volunteers for the posts of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer we will now be looking to co-opt some additional committee members as soon as we can'.

Treasurers Report

The report is on the website, Ian Powell explained parts of it in more detail particularly the importance of our financial reserves and how they relate to normal expenditure.

Financial Statement approved 124 votes for, 10 abstentions, no votes against.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Our thanks go to Bob Boyd for taking on the role of Independent Examiner this year and to Ian Fishwick for agreeing to carry out this function at the end of the current financial year.

The appointment of Ian Fishwick as Independent Financial Examiner approved, 129 votes for, 5 abstentions no votes against.

Election of Committee Members for 2021/22

All members of the committee who were standing for re-election were approved with 130+ votes for each one, a couple of abstentions and no votes against, the detail of the voting is in the Appendix at the end of these minutes.

Any Other Business

There were a number of items brought up by members under any other business.

Thanks to committee members - There were multiple thanks to the committee for their work.

Open Morning - We are proposing to restart the Open Morning, the provisional date is the morning of Wednesday 8 September at Castle Street Centre, the Town Hall is currently unavailable. The form that this takes will be dependent on Government Regulations.

Membership fees - Membership fees for 2021/22 will remain at the existing level.

Restarting Groups - Two comments touched on the difficulty of restarting groups if Members are not keen to meet, but also stressed how essential it is for our general wellbeing, we will be seeking to address this as we move through the summer and it becomes clearer how the restrictions are going to be eased.

Job sharing - One member asked if we could look at the possibility of job sharing on the committee to make it easier to recruit volunteers, we will consider any suggestions very seriously and as mentioned in the chairman's report earlier on, we are now in urgent need of some additional help on the committee.

Kirkby Lonsdale - A member asked about the previously proposed new Kirkby Lonsdale u3a, there has been no new u3a set up so far, if it does happen then any resident of that area can still be a member of South Lakes u3a.

Compulsory email addresses - One member was horrified by any suggestion that it would be compulsory to have an email address to be a member. As was stated at last year's AGM, that is NOT our policy and all of the current Committee are completely opposed to it.

No other AOB raised.

The formal business of the AGM was brought to a close at 10.22.

There was then an informative and enjoyable talk on Zoom given by Dick Smith on the life of the honey bee.

A reminder was made that the next virtual Monthly Meeting is on Wednesday 16th June at 10.00

The meeting closed at 11.05.

Appendix

South Lakes U3A

Annual General Meeting 19 May 2021 at 10.00am

Summary of votes cast

Total number of votes received (electronic, postal)	151
Duplicated votes eliminated	17
Total valid votes	134

	For	Against	Abstain	Total
Approve minutes of last AGM	119	0	15	134
Approve financial statement	124	0	10	134
Approve appointment of independent financial examiner	129	0	5	134
Committee appointments				
Chair	132	0	2	134
Vice Chair	132	0	2	134
Secretary	131	0	3	134
Assistant Secretary				
Treasurer	132	0	2	134
Assistant Treasurer				
Membership Secretary	131	0	3	134
Assistant Membership Secretary	132	0	2	134
Minutes Secretary	132	0	2	134
Webmaster	132	0	2	134