

EMS VALLEY U3A - COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 18th February 2025 – MOUNTFORD 3 E.C.C.

Those present:

Tim Mathews (Chairman), Rod Lipscombe (Vice Chairman), Ann Sims (Groups Co-ordinator), Hilary Street (Treasurer), Sue Kent (Membership Secretary), Karen Rodger (Beacon Administrator), Liz Rosoman (Minutes Secretary)

Observers: Les and Andrea Brokenshire

- 1 Apologies:** Dbee Robinson, Margaret Melhuish
- 2 Minutes and Matters arising:** the minutes had been read and were agreed.
- 3 Business Secretary's Report:**
 - 3.1** All documentation now reviewed and available on works drive.
Action Completed
 - 3.2** Document list updated on works drive
Action Completed
 - 3.3** 2025 insurance cover downloaded and on works drive
Action Completed
 - 3.4** *What's in it for me* - on the committee
Action: Dbee – Collate information emailed from other committee members as to *Benefits from being on the committee.*
Action Completed
 - 3.5** eConsult and Pharmacy first report for newsletter
Action Completed
 - 3.6** Phone scam for newsletter
Action Completed
- 4 Treasurer's Report:**
 - 4.1** GoCardless.com: Currently 317 members have signed up to renew membership which is 60%.
 - 4.2** The delay on Gift Aid payment has been resolved; there had been a problem with the application being submitted.
 - 4.3** Hilary gave her apologies for the AGM and suggested that a request is made for any questions to be submitted to her prior to the AGM so that answers can be provided at the AGM in her absence. **ACTION: Dbee**
- 5 Membership Report:**
 - 5.1** There are currently 530 members.
 - 5.2** The January meeting was attended by 85 members.
 - 5.3** Renewal time is approaching. Sue to email reminders and offer members who have not yet signed up for direct debit the opportunity to do so. It was suggested that Tim might make an announcement at the monthly meeting regarding the direct debit option to reassure any members who are not keen, Sue is going to let Tim know.

6 Groups Report:

- 6.1** The Gardening Group leader has stepped down and 7 members will be joint leaders with Diana Faithfull as the coordinator.
- 6.2** The Group Leaders Social has been changed from 21st March to Friday 9th May 6 pm to 8 pm, Ann has confirmed the room booking.
- 6.3** Reminder that New Members coffee morning is booked for 4th April 11 am to 12 midday. **Action: Tim** to email new members and ask TRUGS to be on refreshment duties.
- 6.4** It was suggested that a tea rota be published so that all groups take a turn at doing the teas. This was thought to be a good idea. **Action: Tim and Rod** to collaborate.

7 Website: Nothing new to report.

8 BEACON:

- 8.1** Karen had meeting with Diana Faithfull and 2 others of the 7 joint leaders of the newly configured Gardening group to provide training on BEACON.

9 Monthly Meeting:

- 9.1** January meeting – Steve Tonkin – 10 ways The Universe Will Kill You, wasn't quite as expected.
- 9.2** February Meeting – Ian Porter – Famous Victorian and Edwardian Murders After tea – IOW Air Ambulance.
- 9.3** Tea – TRUGS arranged by Tim.

10 AOB

- 10.1** Tim and Karen send apologies for the March meeting.
- 10.2** Karen nominated Les Brokenshire to be co-opted on to the committee, Liz seconded Karen nominated Andrea Brokenshire to be co-opted on to the committee, Sue seconded All the committee voted in favour of Les and Andrea being co-opted on to the committee if they agree after giving the matter some consideration.

11 Meeting closed at 10.40 am.

12 Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 March 2025 (every 3rd Tuesday)