

Ems Valley u3a - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Emsworth Baptist Hall - Thursday 22nd May 2025

Attendees = 90 (Quorum required = 50)

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies Received:

Anne Powell, Diana Faithful, Carol Sheppard, Christopher and Cindy Morrison, Elizabeth Canderton, Peter Tier, Sally and Vic Adcock, Jeff and Gill Thatcher, Pauline Robinson, Alan Borrow, Jill Stanley, Jackie Oiller, Ronnie Tyler, Judi Milburn, Eileen Snow, Margaret and Peter Goldfarb.

2. Chairmans Report - (Full report available on website)

- Tim began by expressing sincere thanks to the committee for their hard work and support over the past year, noting what a pleasure it is to work with such a dedicated team. Changes to the committee were announced, with Ann Sims retiring after 12 years as Groups Coordinator, and Margaret Melhuish stepping down after a year of valued service. Les and Andrea Brokenshire, recently co-opted onto the committee, were welcomed, with Les taking over as Groups Coordinator.
- Appreciation was extended to the group leaders, whose enthusiasm drives the success of the u3a's many activities, and to Mal, the Church's facilities manager, for his ongoing and essential support.
- Financially, the organisation remains strong, bolstered unexpectedly by a donation from Riviera Travel through its Affinity programme. The introduction of GoCardless for membership payments was hailed as a success, with over two-thirds of members already signed up.
- Tim highlighted the excellent value of the subscription model, which includes room hire for group meetings, contrasting it with other u3as that charge per activity.
- The recent fire at the Community Centre was acknowledged with admiration for Sandie Swaine's brave response and gratitude for the community's support in providing alternative venues.
- Two well-attended First Aid awareness sessions were held earlier in the year, with a third planned if interest permits.
- Emphasising the importance of member involvement, Tim reminded attendees that the u3a is run by members, for members, and encouraged continued participation and volunteering.
- With its 20th anniversary approaching in July 2026, Ems Valley u3a is viewed as being in a strong position, both operationally and financially, to continue thriving.

3. Business Secretary Report 2024/2025 - (Full report available on website)

- **u3a Matters magazine** - Members were encouraged to cancel their subscription with the Membership secretary if they do not read this magazine saving our group £4 for every issue posted.
- **Tea Rota** - The committee thanked those who have prepared teas in the past and group leaders will be notified in advance when it's their turn next.
- **Christmas Lunch** - 2024 was a success at Chichester college. 2025 Christmas lunch booked again at Chichester college for Thursday 4th December.
- **News letter** - We have 53 groups and our newsletter editor would love each group to send in at least one item for his newsletter ever year or two.
- **Thank you** - Dbee thanked committee and members for supporting her in this role. And encouraged others to start a group, join the committee, or just get involved.
-> (Keep an eye out for a future article in our news letter 'Whats in it for me?')

4. Minutes of last AGM dated : 23.05.24 (Emailed on - 10.05.25)

Proposed: Simon Winslow

Seconded: Hazel Willard

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

5. Trustees Report 2024/2025 (Emailed on -10.05.25)

Proposed: Mark Parker

Seconded: Sue Holden

FOR: 85 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 5 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

6. Treasurer's Report for: 2024/2025 (Emailed on -10.05.25)

The Treasurer was not able to attend the AGM. Contact Hilary directly if you have any questions.

Her email is on our website

Proposed: Christine Taylor

Seconded: John Gains

FOR: 87 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 3 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

7. Appointment of Examiner for: 2025/2026

Name - David Griffiths

Proposed: Jane Yoward

Seconded: Simon Winslow

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

8. Election of Officers and Committee Members:

A. *Business Secretary - Dbee Robinson*

Proposed: John Blaber

Seconded: Liz Reynolds

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

B. *Chairman - Tim Mathews*

Proposed: John Gains

Seconded: Jenny Wessendorff

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

C. *Vice Chairman - Rod Lipscombe*

Proposed: Christine Taylor

Seconded: Jane Yoward

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

D. *Treasurer - Hilary Street*

Proposed: Fay Durant

Seconded: Catherine Davies

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

E. Re-Election of Existing Committee Members

- *Sue Kent (Membership)*
- *Karen Rodger (Beacon Administrator)*
- *Liz Rosoman (Minutes Secretary)*

Proposed: Mary Mumby

Seconded: Mark Parker

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

F. Election of New Committee Members

Committee member - Andrea Brokenshire

Proposed: Roger Bleasby

Seconded: Mark Parker

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

G. Committee member - Les Brokenshire

Proposed: Lyn Dunphy

Seconded: John Gains

FOR: All AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ~ MOTION CARRIED ~

I am pleased to announce that Les has offered to take on the role of :

Groups Co-ordinator

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 4th December at Chichester College**

- **DATE CHANGE REMINDER - July monthly meeting is a week earlier July 17th**

- **There was no other business, questions or issued raised**

10. Date of next AGM. 28th May 2026

-> **The meeting was closed**

-> **After Tea on to the Entertainment = The Estuary Men**