

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS u3a  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022**

1. The Chair confirmed a quorum of members was present.
2. Apologies for absence: Brian & Sheila Chilton, Bob Tyas, Jill Hiskett, Roger Gaford, Julie Gillard and Larry Ladbrook.
3. The Minutes of the AGM held on 2 June 2021 were approved by members.

4. Proposals pre-AGM

(1) Proposal by committee to amend Constitution S16, para 8 'No-one may hold any specific officer position or be an ordinary (non-officer) trustee for a continuous period in excess of 3 years without an interval of at least 1 year between the periods of service' amendment from 3 to 6 years.

Ian Mathews explained that the proposed amendment had been approved by the National u3A but needed to be approved by the membership. The proposal was agreed nem con.

(2) Proposal to produce the Newsletter quarterly and publish it electronically on the SWF U3A website.

The cost of producing a printed monthly newsletter had increased significantly and there was frequently a lot of wastage. Also the content was frequently much the same for each month. The newsletter has recently been produced quarterly as a webpage rather than a pdf so it is easier to access on any mobile device. Kate Smith added that producing it quarterly meant it was more informative and the number of pages could easily be increased. Pauline Coster stated that unlike many of the groups London Theatre group could change at short notice and several members of the group didn't have email. Kay Miles said that she would be prepared to mail information to members or phone them if necessary. The proposal was put to the vote and agreed with 4 against.

5. The Chairman's Report had been circulated to members. Ian Mathews thanked the group leaders for keeping groups going during lockdowns. He also added that some new groups had started or re-started which was very positive. There was also a lot of interest in the Cluster Groups. The report was approved nem con.

6. Treasurer's Report. The accounts had been circulated to members. Kate Smith thanked Neill Baker for auditing the accounts and Group Leaders for sending in their accounts promptly as accounts have to be reported to the Charity Commission. Membership income is down because fees were reduced last year as we were unable to meet in person; there was still a surplus at year end. As the accounting year and membership year do not align, there is still approx £2000 to be spent on national fees.

Kate Smith proposed the adoption of the accounts which was agreed nem con.

Kate Smith also proposed that Neill Baker is re-elected as Auditor which was agreed nem con.

7. Election of Officers:

Ian Mathews stated that he had held the posts of Chairman and Secretary since August 2021. There was one proposal for Secretary – Ann Woolley – which was approved nem con. Mary Brindley had been co-opted to the committee during the year but it was now proposed that she should be a member of the committee as Social Secretary. This was approved nem con.

Two further members of the committee were proposed – Roger Gatford and Julie Gillard. Both were approved nem con.

8. Proposed Motions – no motions had been proposed.

9. Ian closed the meeting and announced the next AGM will be held on Wednesday 5 July 2023.