

21st Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 10.00am in the Guildhall, Cheadle

In order to enable as many members as possible to attend the AGM without missing out on their regular group activities the AGM this year will be held on a U3A coffee morning Wednesday. This is an experiment and we hope that our members who are regular coffee morning attendees will not be put off and that you will still come along to attend a short meeting and enjoy your refreshments and socialising afterwards. To speed up the formal meeting the committee have put together a report of their activities which is included in this newsletter. Please have a look at it before the AGM and if you have any questions or comments there will be time for you to put these to the committee during the meeting. This year we have 5 committee vacancies to fill, one of which is to replace Water Jaggli as IT Co-ordinator. We are therefore looking for nominations for these 5 vacancies and in particular for someone with IT skills and knowledge to replace Walter. Please consider whether you could fill these roles or if you know someone with the required experience or skills please approach them to see if they are willing to serve and be nominated. Please see the committee nomination page insert in this Newsletter for more details and send completed forms to the Business Secretary before 14th April.

At the AGM we will be voting on some amendments to our constitution, details of which are provided below.

As a registered charity we must hold an AGM each year which serves to approve and authorise the executive committee to run the organisation on your behalf. Our constitution requires us to have 10% of the membership or a minimum of 50 members (whichever is the lesser number) present otherwise the meeting cannot go ahead. So, please make a note of the date and time of the meeting in your diary and come along to support your U3A.

AGENDA

Opening of the meeting by the Chairman and welcome to guests. Apologies.

1. To receive and approve the minutes of the 20th AGM held on 22nd April 2017 (previously circulated)
2. Matters arising
3. To receive the Committee report (enclosed with Spring newsletter)
4. To approve amendments to the Constitution (please see next page)
5. To consider and approve the audited Accounts Summary 2017/18 and Budget Projection for 2018/19 (both attached)
6. To confirm the appointment of a nominated auditor for 2018/19
7. Election of Committee members – 5 Committee members to be elected
8. Presentations to retiring group leaders and Committee members
9. Any other business, by permission of the Chairman.
10. Concluding remarks

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CHEADLE (STAFFS) U3A CONSTITUTION APRIL 2018.

The following changes are proposed to our Constitution and the Executive Committee will be seeking approval from the Membership at the 2018 AGM to implement these changes.

1. The addition of the words *'THIS IS A CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES. THE CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER IS 1072363'* at the start of the document to reflect the fact that the document is in line with charity law in England and Wales. Scottish law is different.
2. Section 4 POWERS viii. To add the words *'SUPPLY AND MAKE AVAILABLE'*
3. Section 5 MEMBERSHIP. To replace 5.1 with the words *'MEMBERSHIP OF THE U3A SHALL BE OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN THEIR THIRD AGE (BEING THE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE FIRST AGE OF CHILDHOOD DEPENDENCE AND THE SECOND AGE OF FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) RESIDING IN CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY, AND ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AND FURTHERING THE WORK OF THE U3A, PROVIDED THAT THEY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS CONSTITUTION AND ANY MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS PROPERLY IMPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO PAY THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT AN ANNUAL OR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING. NO INDIVIDUAL MAY BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT THEY DO NOT MEET THESE CONDITIONS. GROUP LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL BE FULL MEMBERS FREE OF ANY ANNUAL FEES (SHOULD THEY CHOOSE) FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR TIME AS A GROUP LEADER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER.* This change is to reflect the U3A Movements classification of 'Third Age' and the wording of the current 'Model Constitution'.
4. Section 7 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 7.3. *TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM 2 YEARS TO 3* in line with the term of the 'Officers'. *TO CHANGE THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENT FROM 4 YEARS TO 3.* This is because it is felt that each member does an equally valuable job within the committee and by extending the term it gives a more settled approach to each function. It is also felt the Presidents term should be in line with the rest of the committee.
5. Section 10 PROPERTY 10.1 should read All property *'OWNED BY OR HELD ON BEHALF'* of The U3A shall be applied solely towards to Objects of The U3A *'IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARITY LAW'*. A clarification only.
6. Section 11 To update the title to read *'ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING'* and to add the words *'AND TRUSTEES REPORT'* in sections ii and iv to reflect that fact that such a report has to be generated for submission to the Charity Commission, along with our Accounts, on an annual basis.

A copy of our current Constitution is available on line for reference.