

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021 ON ZOOM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rosie Allen Chair Arnold, Terry Hardman Treasurer Sutton in Ashfield, Peter Edge Webmaster Keyworth, Paul Martinez Support Officer Carlton & Gedling, Jean Hogg Regional Trustee (Southwell). Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Jane Pavier Newsbites editor Alan Comerie, Burton Joyce; Nicholas Clark, Carlton & Gedling; Isabel Martindale, Edwalton; Carole Harrison, Mansfield; Carolyn Luckhurst, Mapperley; Gillian Lee, Newark; Elizabeth Gilder, Park Nottingham; Lynden Lowe, Rainworth; Maria Gabrielczyk, Ravenshead; Brian Platts, Southwell; Jean Griffin Sutton in Ashfield; Paco Saucedo, West Bridgford; Sheila Massey, Worksop.
<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>WELCOME BY CHAIR &amp; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Rosie welcomed everyone. There were apologies from Margot Gale Beeston; Mark Jackson, Hucknall; Chris Niven Eastwood and District; Anne Moore Burton Joyce; Linda Shutt Forest Town; John Lewis Bingham; Paul Fileman Soar Valley
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>AGM SEE SEPARATE MINUTES</b>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021</b> Minutes approved and no matters arising.
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>REPORTS</b> <b>Regional Trustee – Jean Hogg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please ensure that staff at TAT are always treated with courtesy when queries need to be answered.</li> <li>• Use all sources of support. This can include the Regional Trustee and the Network.</li> <li>• Training workshops are planned for November with a focus on publicity to recruit new members.</li> <li>• The Regional conference was very successful, beneficial, and enjoyable</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>PEER SUPPORT GROUPS Nothing new to report but will be a standard agenda item for future meetings.</b>
<b>ITEM 6</b>	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of face-to-face Network meetings as opposed to Zoom was discussed. It is hoped that face to face meetings at Ravenshead will resume in April.</li> <li>• Brian Platts (Southwell u3a) will investigate the possibility of hybrid Network meetings. <b>He would like help from any tech experts from across the Network.</b></li> <li>• Jane Pavier was thanked for producing Newsbites.</li> </ul>
	<b>COMFORT BREAK</b>
	<b>FOCUSSED DISCUSSION.</b> <b>How to help new members of Interest Groups and new members of u3as to feel welcome.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sitting round tables at open meetings encourages members to interact.</li> <li>• Analyse data to see who has renewed following Covid &amp; to identify whether new members renew.</li> <li>• Interest Group Convenors meetings where the message of being welcoming is given out.</li> <li>• Appoint a member of an interest group, other than the group convenor, to be responsible for looking after new members</li> <li>• Important to look at demographics and attract younger members so that newly retired folk won't think u3a is for 'old' folk!</li> <li>• Positivity within groups is very important.</li> <li>• Regular new members' meetings with personal invites are very helpful in making folk feel welcome.</li> <li>• Paul Martinez to send out the link to a Bristol u3a powerpoint presentation.</li> </ul> <b>Development of the Network what would you like to see included in the programme?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Peer support groups. It was suggested that these could be open as often topics for discussion would be useful to committee members holding a variety of roles. E.g., Constitutions and Charity Commission procedures.</li> </ul>

