

BOTLEY HEDGE END & DISTRUST u3a

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 1.30PM AT BOTLEY MARKET HALL

1. **Welcome from the Chair:** The Chair, Sue Derrick, welcomed members to the meeting which would be followed by the Speaker, John Scivier on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
2. **Attendance and Apologies for Absence:** 74 members and 9 guests attended. Apologies were received for 15 members.
3. **Minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday 11th October 2023:** the Minutes were accepted by the members and signed by Sue Derrick, Chair.
4. **Annual Reports of u3a Activities:**
 - a) **Chair's Report** - The Chair, Sue Derrick, reported that membership continues to grow, helped by the new publicity materials, coffee mornings and social media. An article on BHE&D u3a had appeared in the Third Age Trust magazine. She informed members that the website would be changing and the new website would be up and running by the end of the year with a new website address. The group was now registered with the Charity Commission. Interest groups continue to grow with 21 active groups and more in the pipeline. The Christmas Lunch at the Masonic Hall, Botley was going to be well attended. She reminded members that the last date for signing up for the lunch was Wednesday 30th October, with payment due by Wednesday 6th November. She urged members to consider volunteering for roles within the group. The Committee had completed its first year as a full committee but reminded the membership that we were all willing to continue in office for the foreseeable future but could not do so forever.
 - b) **Group Co-ordinator's Report** - Richard Whiting read out the report in Geoff Warden's absence through illness. Involvement in groups has continued to grow. As well as the 21 groups already running there were three more new groups being set up. Any new ideas for groups would be very welcome. More non-committee members are needed to take on the role of facilitator to ease the workload on committee members. A meeting of Group Facilitators had recently been held. Replies to the recent survey sent out to members had been very positive. As from the November members' meeting all groups would be displayed at the back of the hall to enable new members to see what is available and, if necessary, to start new waiting/reserve lists.
5. **Financial Report & Examination of Accounts for 2023/24** (already circulated with the Agenda. Tony Luetchford, Treasurer, reported a healthy financial situation. He thanked Sue Vine for undertaking the Examination of Accounts 2023/24. Keith Watkins, member, had agreed to undertake the Examination of Accounts for the next financial year. Tony thanked Group Facilitators for putting their ledgers together. Now we have registered with the Charity Commission we have a registration number to go on future documentation.
6. **Appointment of Examination for the Accounts:** Keith Watkins was appointed Independent Examiner for the Accounts in 2025, proposed by Linda Jeans, seconded by Carol Hussey.

7. **Election of the Committee:** the present Committee, who were willing to stand for another year, was proposed by Pete Atkinson, seconded by Clive Polhill.
Post Meeting Minute: Sue Derrick was elected by the Committee as Chair for 2024/25.
8. **Constitutional Changes:** the new Charity Commission registration number had been written on the Constitution.
9. **Proposals/Motions:** there were no Proposals/Motions.
10. **Date of Next AGM:** Wednesday 8th October 2025.

The AGM closed at 1.50pm