

**Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of York U3A
held on 17th November 2012 at 11.40 a.m.
at the Friends' Meeting House, Friargate, York**

One hundred and ten members signed in for the AGM, which followed the monthly meeting, with 6 apologies having been received.

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed by the Chairman, Alwyn Taylor.

2. Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting held on 12th November 2011

The Minutes of the AGM held on 12th November 2011, having been circulated previously to all York U3A members, were taken as read. Tony Stanfield proposed and John Jessop seconded that they be received and signed as a correct record.

3. Annual Report

The Chairman, Alwyn Taylor mentioned that his annual report had been included in the last newsletter. In addition, he thanked all committee members for their work during the past year and thanked in particular Brian Joscelyne and Alan Hawley who are willing to be re-elected as Membership Secretary and IT Manager respectively, Carole Pritchard who is retiring as Office Coordinator and is not seeking re-election, and John Jessop who retired as Treasurer at last year's AGM and has ensured that there has been a smooth transition to the production of the accounts by his successor. Alwyn finally recorded his thanks to his wife for her support during his tenure as Chairman.

4. Annual Accounts

The accounts for the period ending 31st August 2012, having been satisfactorily audited, were presented by the Treasurer, Margaret Bland. Margaret explained that she has changed to a new accounting system and both the old and new systems have been running during the past year. She pointed out that the figure for postage costs looks disproportionately large because during the year many stamps were bought at the old rate to prevent the branch having to pay the increased charge for stamps, and a franking machine for the office had also been purchased. Last year's subscriptions of £10 a head have been subsidised from the Henry Mills Fund at £5 a head, making an effective subscription of £15. Even this does not meet costs as the general fund has reduced by more than £4,000. This year the subscription of £5 will be subsidised at £10 a head and Margaret still anticipates an over spend. It is expected that next year the subscription will be set at £15 and this will still need a subsidy from the Henry Mills Fund.

Margaret recorded thanks to Colin Henderson who has acted as External Examiner of Accounts for the last three years and now wishes to retire from doing this job and a replacement for him is therefore required. There were no questions on the accounts raised from the floor, and acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by John Bourne and seconded by Priscilla Roxburghe.

5. Election of Officers

John Goodsir was nominated for the post of Chairman (proposed by Alwyn Taylor and seconded by Maureen Barter) and was approved *nem con*. John spoke briefly about his background and experience, and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

6. Election of Committee Members

Nominations had been received for Carolyn Jaques, Brian Joscelyne and Alan Hawley to be elected to the Committee as Office Coordinator, Membership Secretary and IT Manager respectively and these, having been formally proposed and seconded, were approved *nem con*.

7. Examination of Accounts

As previously mentioned, Colin Henderson wishes to retire as the External Examiner of Accounts and we are looking for someone else to help in this capacity.

8. Any Other Business

One member expressed his thanks to all who helped with the Cober Hill event.

The leaders of the Travel Abroad group are unable to continue and the treasurer of the group appealed for replacements to come forward to enable the group to continue to exist.

In recognition of the hard work done by our office volunteers and group leaders, a presentation of a Marks and Spencer gift voucher was made to seven group leaders and four office volunteers who have served for a minimum of ten years. The group leaders are Jean Cobb, Alan and Carole Green, Vera Huffman, Margery Leath, Rhona Lowe and Leslie Stanbridge; the office volunteers are Mike Walsh, Susan Johnson, Sheila Wade and Helen Beacher.

The meeting ended at 12.05.