



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th JULY, 2017

The meeting was held at 2.00 pm at the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 102 members present.

Apologies

Peter Clement, Jocelyn Harris, Norman Harris, Margaret Millage

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 26th July, 2016 and of the Special General Meeting 28th March 2017, having been previously made available to members, were approved and signed by the Chairman, John Howlett, as an accurate record.

Chairman's Report

John Howlett reported that he would be standing down after 6 years on the Committee. He confirmed the Group continues to do well, with over 200 members and 20 interest groups. A full programme is in place for the forthcoming year.

John mentioned some of the particularly interesting trips:- A Tale of Two Cities at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, Industrial Heritage to the Media Museum in Bradford, History to Middleton Hall and Gardening to the RHS flower show at Chatsworth, where the organisation was so poor that a full refund of the admission fee was obtained!

He concluded with thanks to the other members of the Committee for their work during the year.

Treasurer's Report

Tony Smith, having admitted to failure in trying to make his report interesting and exciting, informed the meeting that the accounts previously made available to members were for the period 1st July 2016 to 31st March 2017. The short period enables us to bring our year end into line with the national organisation. At that date, the main account stood at £5010.10 although the capitation fees have not been included as these are paid in April. The events account stood at £2320.83 and, very largely, income and expenditure for individual trips balance.

Group Co-ordinator's Report

James Bloor expressed his thanks to the group leaders. There are now 21 groups, Arts and Crafts having been established during the period. There are 3 potential new groups, Canasta to start in September, Play Reading and Poetry. He drew attention to the sheets for members to register their interest in these.

Election of Committee

Completed nomination forms were received from 4 Committee members submitting themselves for re-election: - Sheila Dean, Isobel Salt, Tony Smith and Mike Stow, together with that for a new member: - Peter Clement. All were elected unanimously.

Any Other Business

Sheila Dean presented a card prepared by the Calligraphy Group to John Howlett in recognition of his service. Dorothy Chapman then presented flowers to Margaret Howlett as a token of thanks for all that she has done for the group.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.

These minutes were confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the 2017 AGM by a show of hands of the members present at the 2018 AGM held on July 24th

Signed.....

Dated