**Minutes of the Edenbridge U3A Annual General Meeting**

**held at Crockham Hill Village Hall**

**on Tuesday, 28th July, 2015**

**1.** **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Peter Egan, Connie and Andy Deakins, Gill Scholey, Janet Austin, Gerry and Diana Sharp, Jane Ann Golds and Ann Swatland.

**2. Chairman’s Report**

Molly welcomed everyone to the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Edenbridge U3A and gave a review of this year under her Chairmanship. Membership had increased from 50 at the start to 160 now and there are 40 wide- ranging study groups. The monthly meetings have been popular and topics have included Kev Reynolds’ very interesting talk on his book *Walk in the Clouds* to Chris Lloyd’s extremely entertaining “walk through” the Magna Carta. She then explained the rationale for moving to our new location at Crockham Hill which had turned out to be not only a necessary one but a successful one. She said that she would be stepping down as Chairman but a successor, Mike Collins, had agreed to take over from her and his c.v. was displayed on the screen as, unfortunately, he was unable to be present at the AGM.

She wished to record her thanks to Committee Members adding that her Chairmanship would have been much tougher without their help and support. Grateful thanks were also extended to Jan Tolfrey for her hard work in organising the teas and cakes and also Francis for organising the chair rota.

**3. Approval of the Constitution as displayed on the Website**

Members were asked to confirm approval of the Constitution as displayed on the website. This was proposed by Barry Marshall, seconded by Isobel Lanyon and carried by the meeting.

**4. Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the year 2014/2015**

Stephen went through the accounts. These had been audited by Graham Brown who had approved them. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Isobel Lanyon, seconded by Barry Marshall and carried by the meeting. In answer to a question from the floor as to when a full audit is needed, it was pointed out that an auditor is not legally required until the threshold of £5,000 is reached.

**5. Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary**

It was reported that nominations, duly seconded had been received in respect of Mike Collins, as Chairman (details of his application are on the web-site), Colin Fairman as Vice-Chairman, Sylvia Greenwood as Treasurer and Michele Harrison as Secretary to serve for 2015/2016. It was proposed by Molly Ward that these appointments be approved in one vote. This was seconded by Janet Smith and carried.

**6. Nominations for the remaining Executive Committee Members**

**6.1** It was reported that nominations, duly seconded, had been received in respect of the remaining Executive Committee places for 2015/2016 – Estelle Baring, Christine Byrne, Stephen Harding, Lynn Swift, Brian Swift and Molly Ward

**6.2** As the nominations included Molly Ward, Colin Fairman took over the Chair and proposed that Molly Ward be re-appointed as an Executive Committee Member. This was duly seconded and passed.

**6.3** Molly Ward resumed her place as Chairman and asked that Estelle Baring, Christine Byrne, Stephen Harding, Lynn Swift and Brian Swift be re-appointed to serve on the Executive Committee for 2015/2016 in one resolution. This was duly seconded and passed.

**7. The Annual Subscription Rates for 2015/2016**

It was reported that theExecutive Committee had recommended that the subscription rates remain unchanged from 2014/15 and the members were asked to approve this recommendation. This was proposed by Christine Byrne, seconded by Denny Ward and carried.

**8. The Re-Appointment of the Financial Adviser Graham Brown**

It was requested that the Financial Adviser, Graham Brown be re-appointed for 2015/16. This was seconded and the resolution carried.

**9. Any Other Business**

(i) It was reported that there would be no monthly meeting in August and that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 29th September. Full details would be found on the web-site.

(ii) On behalf of everyone, Colin wished to thank Molly for her Chairmanship. She had taken over from Sue who moved out of the area. On the public side, she has put speakers at ease, carried meetings forward and behind the scenes has dealt with a multitude of tasks – including dealing with U3A Central Office and other U3A organisations as well as attending meetings on our behalf and keeping members of the committee in check. He then presented her with a small gift from the committee and expressed their thanks not only for her chairmanship but also for her friendship.

There being no further business, the meeting was brought to a close.