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

**held at Crockham Hill Village Hall, 25th July, 2017**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Estelle Barling, Ann Bellamy, Rick and Sally Carroll,

Margaret Fudge, Carol Hayes, Elaine Holloway, Gloria Keens, Barry Lawn, Nuala Watts and Pauline Whyte.

**2. Chairman’s Report**

Mike welcomed everyone to the 4th Annual General Meeting and thanked them all for attending. He was pleased to report that membership had increased by 12%. He was grateful for all the efforts made by the committee throughout this last year and mentioned, in particular, those made by Molly in managing to find such diverse and interesting speakers for the Monthly Meetings. This appreciation was echoed by all those present. It was pleasing also to report that the number of groups had risen to 54 thus offering members a wide and varied choice which exemplifies the skills and talents of our members.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held on 2nd August 2016**

Members were asked to approve these Minutes – the motion was proposed by Isobel Lanyon, seconded by Pam Dotter and carried.

**4. Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the year 2016/2017**

On behalf of Sylvia, Stephen summarised the accounts in detail which show that once again they are in a very healthy state and a balance of £3,054.61 will be carried forward. It was felt that no increase in membership fees was needed and the full accounts are available on the web site. As Graham Brown will no longer be available to audit the accounts, the incoming Treasurer, Peter Welch, will source an alternative. Approval of the acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Bob Hart, seconded by Brian Swift and carried.

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

Nominations duly proposed and seconded had been received in respect of Mike Collins as Chairman, Christine Byrne as Vice-Chairman, Peter Welch as Treasurer and Cathy Booth as Secretary. Mike Collins stood aside and Colin took the Chair for the vote and he proposed that the nominations be accepted. The motion was seconded by Pam Dotter and carried. Mike then resumed his place as Chairman.

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

 It was proposed that the remaining Executive Committee Members, namely Estelle Barling, Colin Fairman, Brian and Lynn Swift and Molly Ward, be re-elected. This was duly seconded and passed As it was confirmed that the total number on the Committee does not exceed that permitted by the Constitution, it was proposed by Yvonne Whittaker and seconded by Debbie Collins that Stephen Harding be invited back onto the Committee. The motion was carried and Stephen was warmly welcomed back.

**7. Approve the Annual Subscription rates for 2017/18 which the Executive Committee has recommended remains unchanged from 2016/17**

Approval of the annual subscription rate was sought and given.

**8. Any Other Business**

(i)Brian brought members up to date on all the groups available to members and reminded them that sign-up sheets were set out on tables at the back of the hall.

 (ii) Flowers were presented to Sylvia and Michele as they leave the Committee. The Chairman expressed not only his thanks, but also those of the committee, for their contributions to the smooth running of the whole Committee.

 **9**. **Chairman’s Moment:**

Mike took us on a slide-show tour (with commentary and anecdotes) of his adventurous trip to Sri Lanka which led us very nicely into the tea and cake!