



Evesham and District u3a
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at 2pm on 4 June 2025 at Evesham Methodist Church

Present:

Committee Members: Alan Chambers, Cath Cox, Diane Nicholls, Lorna Slaughter, Claire Allen and David Daniels;

and 118 members of the Branch;

and 32 members by Proxy.

1.	Welcome In the absence of the Branch Chair, the Trustees nominated Alan Chambers to Chair the Meeting. He welcomed the members who had attended and confirmed that the Meeting was quorate.
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Jill Francis, Katy Watson, Brian Watson, Alan Stephens, Pat Stephens. Anne Albright, Anne Brace, Mary Alexander-Head, John Alexander-Head, Alun Edwards, Helen Hutt, Ros Gowers, Phil Morton, Jennifer Pratt and Sheila Ryder.
3.	Minutes of 2024 AGM John Boon proposed and Joyce Davey seconded acceptance of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM. The meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of their acceptance.
4.	Trustees Annual Report Ros Gowers (Branch Chair) presented by video address the 2024-25 report of the Trustees on the activities of the Branch, which had previously been made available in writing, (Appendix 1 to the Minutes). She stressed the need for more volunteers to come forward to take on the role of Trustee. David Daniels, the most recently co-opted Trustee, explained how he had come to be co-opted. Alan Chambers stressed that with Trustee appointments, it was not just numbers but also continuity. Some Trustees and Officers were coming to the end of their term of office and replacements would be needed. He thanked all those who volunteered their time and skills in activities that kept the Branch running. There were no questions on the Trustees' Report.
5.	Treasurer's Annual Report Diane Nicholls presented a written report on the financial activities of the Branch for 2024 - 25, (Appendix 2 to the Minutes).

	<p>She gave further explanation of the three Branch bank accounts, the decision to move the membership year to coincide with the financial year, and the need for premises hire to be paid centrally. Of the 38 groups that were known to hire premises for their meetings, 34 had provided details to the Treasurer.</p> <p>She also stressed the need for continuity and succession planning of Trustees explaining the difficulties she had faced taking on the role of Treasurer without first being able to shadow the former Treasurer.</p> <p>There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report.</p>
6.	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts</p> <p>Diane Nicholls proposed and Graham Percival seconded the appointment of Carla Auger as independent examiner of the Branch's accounts. The meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of the appointment.</p>
7.	<p>Appointment of Trustees for the Branch Committee</p> <p>Current Committee members Ros Gowers, Catherine Cox, Diane Nicholls, Alan Chambers and Helen Hutt confirmed their willingness to continue as Trustees. Having been proposed and seconded, the meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of their continuing as Trustees.</p> <p>Currently co-opted Trustees, Claire Allen, Lorna Slaughter and David Daniels were proposed and seconded for appointment as Trustees. The meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of their appointment.</p>
8.	<p>Closure of Meeting</p> <p>Alan Chambers declared the meeting closed at 2.25 pm.</p>