

Notice of Lostwithiel Area U3A 2018 Annual General Meeting

As part of our open meeting on Monday 21st May 2018 at 2pm in The Church Rooms Lostwithiel we will be holding our sixth AGM.

LOSTWITHIEL U3A AGM AGENDA

- ◆ Apologies for Absence
- ◆ Opening Remarks
- ◆ Adoption of Minutes from fifth AGM. Available to read [via this link](#)
- ◆ Financial Report – Presentation of Accounts for 2017 / 18
- ◆ Approve the appointment of an Examiner for the accounts for 2018 / 19
- ◆ Motion proposed by committee - To update The Object Clause in Lostwithiel U3A Constitution
- ◆ Election of Officers and Committee

Lostwithiel U3A Constitution - Object Clause

Background Information

Following discussions between our umbrella organisation, The Third Age Trust (TAT) and the Charity Commission, it has been agreed that all activity carried out by a U3A must be charitable and within the object clause in its constitution. To conform with this requirement requires a change in the object clause of all local U3A groups. Also a financial summary relating to U3A activities must be presented to the Charity Commission when, as in the case of Lostwithiel U3A, the appropriate thresholds are exceeded.

The above has important consequences for insurance. The TAT have consulted our insurers and been advised that only U3A activities that fall within the charitable objective will be insured.

A detailed explanation of the changes is contained in a letter from TAT sent to all U3A groups on 18th December 2017 under the reference GM/12/17b and available to read via [this link](#). Consequently your committee propose the following change to our constitution:-

Change Section 3i from:-

The charitable purposes of The U3A are:

- i. to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and / or parental responsibility) residing in Lostwithiel and its surrounding locality. In this constitution "people in their Third Age" has the meaning set out above.*

TO:-

The charitable purpose of The U3A is:

i. the advancement of education, and in particular the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Lostwithiel and its surrounding locality.

NOTE In this Constitution The Third Age is defined as being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and / or parental responsibility.

Election of Lostwithiel Area U3A Management Committee

Keeping track of the general administration, the finances, the publicity, the work of the activity groups, the speakers, the website and the general meetings is not very difficult, but it does need people to do it. Please consider standing for the committee. It is not a life-time commitment, as the constitution limits the number of years for which officers can serve.

If you would like to stand please complete the nomination form available [via this link](#) and send it by **7th May 2018** to the address on the form. You must obtain a proposer and seconder who are not currently committee members. The whole committee stands down at the AGM.

The Management Committee posts will consist of three Officers (Chairman, Business Secretary and a Treasurer) plus at least three other committee members. Nominations are invited for the specific roles of Chairman, Business Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations are also invited for Committee Members. The roles of these members include:

- ◆ Membership Secretary
- ◆ Groups Co-Ordinator
- ◆ Publicity Officer
- ◆ Speaker Secretary
- ◆ Webmaster

The appointment of committee members to specific roles will be made after the AGM.

If there is only one nomination for an officer post that person should be deemed to be appointed, if there is more than one nomination a vote should be held. If there are not more than 11 nominations for the other Committee Members all the candidates should be deemed to be appointed.

If you need any more information about any of the roles please talk to any current committee member or email webmaster@lostwithielu3a.org.uk

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