

Minutes of ssu3a Annual General Meeting – Monday 13th May 2024

Malcolm Clark (Chair) welcomed members to the A.G.M. The A.G.M. minutes from 2023, the Chair's Report and the Accounts 2023-2024 had been previously circulated by email and published on the ssu3a website.

Helen Clarke noted the apologies received: Gwynne Walton, Pat Middleton, Jane Bennett, John Bennett, Kate Bachelor, Patricia Eveson, Theresa Simkin, Ruth Dudley, Francis Hyde, David Hunter, Pam Hunter, Marilyn Beswick, Joyce Powderhill, Terry Powderhill, Jeanine Plain-Jones, Charlie Plain-Jones. There was a good attendance of 50 members.

Helen Clarke sought approval for the Minutes of the AGM 2023, reminding members that they had been asked to present any questions prior to the meeting. No questions had been received, so a proposer was requested. Joan Taylor proposed; Cherrie Morgan seconded. The Minutes were approved by the members present.

Election of Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations have been received for Malcolm Clark as Chair, John Bennett as Treasurer and Pat Middleton as Secretary. These nominations were proposed for approval as no other nominations had been received. This nomination of officers was proposed by Peter Hunt and seconded by Kris Clark and accepted by members.

Election of the Committee: Nominations have been received for Helen Clarke, Jan Ashcroft, Terry Powderhill, Richard Walton, Brenda Watson and Rosemary Wisker; all are happy to stand for a one-year term. The election of the committee *en bloc* was proposed by Helen Woodcock and seconded by Pat Boogers and agreed by members. It was noted by Helen Clarke that the committee remains open to new members and anyone who is interested should contact Malcolm Clark (Chair).

The 2023-24 accounts were presented for approval. This approval was proposed by Paul Woodcock and seconded by Kris Clark and agreed by members.

Malcolm Clark summarised the key points of the Chair's report. It had been a successful year financially and in terms of recruitment of new members (33). Updating the website is continuing and the Beacon newsletters are good channels of communication. Group activities are also going well; for example, there are now 3 Philosophy groups. We have recently carried out a questionnaire devised by members to canvas peoples' views and suggestions, and we have enjoyed a good range of interesting speakers at Core meetings. The Chair's Report is published on our website ssu3a.org.

Acceptance of the Chair's Report was proposed by Tony Taylor and seconded by Peter Hunt and agreed by members.

Finally, Malcolm Clark thanked all committee members, and the members who volunteer as back up or who help by serving refreshments. He also expressed gratitude for the continued support of all members in groups and at Core meetings. The A.G.M closed at 2:30 p.m.