

Minutes and Officer reports of the Hornsey Pensioners Action Group

AGM Wednesday 16th March 2022

1. Ann Anderson chaired and introduced the meeting.

Members Attending: Ann Anderson, Helen Ball, Leena Bedri, Ina Butler, Betty Cairns, James Cowling, Hilary Farnwoth and Mike Winfield, Marian Francis, Jane Garner, Jackie Goodwin, Anne Gray, Parminder Gunn Hamilton, Lauritz Hansen-Bay, Elena Lanzara, Ursula Maestranzi, Cherry McAskill, Natasha Posner, Hazel Sack, Gladys Seriki, Janet Shapiro, Joan Smith, Vivien Thomas, Josefa Whitehead, Janet Wilson. **Apologies** were received from Carol Forbes, Phyllis Niemczk, Breda Sullivan

2. Minutes of the meeting in on February 19th 2020 were approved

3. Reports from Officers. Janet Shapiro the Co-ordinator said this was the first live AGM for 2 years and the Group had not been able to hold zoom meetings. The Co-ordinator identified a need for more volunteers to come forward. She gave a resume of activities. Members attended a demonstration in July over the loss of free TV licence for over 75s. The picnic held at Bruce Castle had been successful. The one held at Alexandra Palace proved a little damp. The Group has had 9 columns published in the Ham and High one on lack of protection for the NHS. Clive Evers has resigned as Treasurer – he had been responsible for the lottery bid. Janet stated it would be a good idea for members to list any concerns which could be the subject of future action. **Membership and Publicity Report** Ann Anderson reported the Group now had 149 members including 5 complimentary members. This was the highest score yet. There were 5 new members, 7 members have died. Attendance at meetings was 40 plus before the lockdown but now stands at 30 plus. A volunteer is needed to put up posters in Muswell Hill. Janet needs help with the website. **Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer stated there had been a net gain of £200. Donations, refreshments and raffle bring in money. There is £2,391.55 in the bank. Outgoings include printing costs, hire of hall, stamps and incidentals.

4. Election of Officers The present officers were invited to stand again. Janet Shapiro Co-ordinator, Ann Anderson – Chair, Membership and Publicity, Parminder Gunn Hamilton Treasurer plus Sarah Harris, Lauritz Hansen Bay and Natasha Posner. An invitation was issued to nominate officers but none was given. Both Honorary Presidents have died. Natasha Posner is the delegate to the National Pensioners Convention. She stated she does not have an opportunity to feed back to the group. The Treasurer, Parminder Gunn-Hamilton, started in December.

5. Resolutions. There were no resolutions until after the meeting and talk on the Health and Social Care Bill- raised by Janet Shapiro that it should be scrapped. There was unanimous agreement.

6. Other notices and AOB. An announcement was made of a 2 week Extinction Rebellion starting on Saturday 9th April 2022. If 3.5% of the population joined forces, The Government would have to listen.

Full documentation: Minutes of 2020 AGM, Membership, Distribution and Publicity report for 2021, Treasurer's Report and Review of years 2020 and 2021 were made available at the meeting.

Sarah Harris