

Minutes of the Lancing & Sompting AGM.
Held on the 9th of June 2025 at Lancing Parish Hall.

1. Present: Eight members of the Committee were present, along with 35 members
Garry, L&S Chair, welcomed everyone thanking them for attending.

2. Apologies: Apologies had been received, by email, from:

Sue and David Fleck, Jill and Robert Spence, Wendy and Peter Bowers, Linda and Chris Tuck. Hilary Farnworth, and John Beech, had also asked that their apologies were noted.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM, held on the 10th of June 2024, having previously been presented. Pam Pashley, proposed and Sue Leaney, seconded, that the minutes be approved. The proposal was approved, unanimously.

4. Trustee Reports:

Chair: Garry presented his report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Treasurer: Janice made a brief statement about the account, which had, previously been signed off, by the auditor, and is attached as Appendix B. Janice went on to explain the reasons she was, regrettably, not be in a position to continue, as Treasurer.

5: Election of Officers:

Vice Chair: John began by informing the members that as the Vice Chair, Marion Wood, was prepared to continue, if there no other nominations. There being no other nominations and, Marion, having previously been nominated, John declared that Marion was re-elected to the office.

Treasurer: John informed the meeting that one of our new members, Tony Nicklen, had expressed his interest in becoming Treasurer. John had not received any nominations, so requested that Tony be proposed and seconded, from the membership.

Jean Upton, proposed and Gwen Davies seconded and the proposal was approved, unanimously.

Membership Secretary: Linda Tuck had sent her apologies, but had informed the secretary that she was willing to continue if there were no other nominations. There being no other nominations, and Linda, having been previously nominated, John declared that Linda was re-elected to the post.

Group Coordinator: Chris McAuliffe, was seconded to the committee, after Jo Heaven indicated that she was unable to continue. John requested that there being no other nominations, and Chris, having expressed her willingness to continue, asked that Chris be proposed and seconded.

Gwen Davies proposed and Kathy Schilbach seconded. The proposal was approved, unanimously.

General Committee Members: Two, of the previously elected members, Jackie Betteridge, and Graham Lilley had indicated their willingness to continue. Hazel Clyne had decided to step down. Vanessa Haddrell, having taken over the running of the website, during the last year, had agreed to be seconded to the committee.

John, declared that Graham and Jackie, having been previously nominated and having received no other nominations, continue as General Committee Members.

John explained that as Vanessa who had been seconded to the committee and that it was a requirement she be formally elected, so requested a proposer and seconder.

From the floor Kathy Schilbach, proposed and Wendy Hall, seconded. The proposal was approved, unanimously.

John then reminded the meeting that there would remain, a vacancy for a forth General Committee Member and asked that the membership give it due consideration.

The full Committee:

Chair: Garry Purnell.

Vice Chair: Marion Wood.

Secretary: John Leaney.

Treasurer: Tony Nicklen.

Membership Secretary: Linda Tuck.

Group Coordinator: Chris McAuliffe.

General Committee Members: Jackie Betteridge, Graham Lilley and Vanessa Haddrell.

A.O.B.

John informed the meeting that Mary Hill, a long term member and previous committee member had passed away. He went on to say that if any member who might want to attend her funeral, leave their name with him and he would send the detail.

Garry, spoke to the meeting about the, updated, "Hall Hire Agreement," that had been issued by the management of the Lancing Parish Hall. He spoke about the changes in charges, the services provided and the individualising of the charges.

He indicated that he would be in discussion with them, but did not rule out the possibility of seeking other accommodation.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 2:55.

Appendix A.

Lancing and Sompting u3a

Chair's AGM Report 2024-2025

Good afternoon everyone, thank you for coming, I'm delighted to welcome you to this, our 2025 Annual General Meeting.

I can't believe that it was a whole year ago that I stood up and unexpectedly put myself forward for this role, it's gone far too quickly! However, I've had a great time quickly finding out how the u3a works!

As I was a newcomer to u3a last year, I would like to thank our committee for guiding me through and, just being nice people, it makes the task much easier. So much so, that I would like to thank the committee individually:

We were fortunate this year to have had Christine McAuliffe step in as group co-ordinator, Christine can't be here today, but a big thanks to her.

Linda Tuck is now getting to grips being membership secretary after a few teething problems. She's not here today.

And despite having a replacement ankle, Ness has stoically kept going with the website.

And where would we all be without Jackie and Graham doing the teas, coffee and biscuits?

And although not a committee member, Kathy has been doing a fantastic job with the news bulletin and even better, she's going to continue with it a while longer! A big thank you to her.

And of course, I would like to thank John Leany for being patient and showing me the ropes. Without his help I probably would have struggled just with the Beacon system alone!

All of these people are up for re-election today

The one person that I didn't mention was Janice Roberts who, for personal reasons, is not seeking re-election as treasurer today.

On behalf of us all I would like to thank Janice for all of the work that she has done keeping our accounts in order. I would like to present Janice with a small gift of appreciation from us all!

Most of you would have received an email copy of the minutes of last years AGM, I have put a few hard copies at the back of the hall for those who didn't get an email version and on each table there is a copy of the latest accounts prepared by our outgoing treasurer, Janice.

I am pleased to announce that we have at the last minute had new member, Tony Nicklen volunteer to take over as treasurer, Janice informs me that she worked with Tony some years ago. I hope that you will elect him for the role? As you will see from the balance sheet, Lancing and Sompting u3a has a healthy bank balance, I will leave Janice to explain as you may have questions that I can't answer.

In September we had the annual showcase here in the hall and it was well attended by members of the public and the press. Publicity is always good. We also had a lot of interesting speakers at our general meetings. The last one in May turned into an audition for Britains Got Talent, with singing and the dancing the conga around the hall, led by speaker Debbie Bridge. The July meeting will be one of John famous quizzes.

Thanks again to all of you and now Janice will explain the latest financial report.

Thank you

Appendix B.

Lancing and Sompting u3a year end financial statement from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
Opening Balance as at 1st April 2024 £7,151.62		
Income and Expenditure, 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025		
Membership		
Membership 2024-2025		£2,189.00
200 members		
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Groups		
Gift Aid		£730.78
Bank compensation		£100.00
Member Donation		£27.00
Monthly Meetings		£826.70
		£1,684.48
Sub Total Income		£3,873.48
Petty Cash		£39.08
Deposit Account Interest		£4,624.07
		£68.32
		£4,692.39
Total Income Brought Forward		£3,941.80
		£7,151.62
Less Expenditure		£11,093.42
		£3,259.61
TOTAL INCOME as at 31.03.25		£7,833.81
BALANCE SHEET		
Current Account	£3,102.34	Current Bank Account
Deposit Account	£4,692.39	Deposit Bank Account
Petty Cash	£39.08	Petty Cash Account
		TOTAL £7,833.81 Carry Forward
EXPENDITURE - LEDGER		
Book Group		£74.00
Monthly Hall Hire		£840.00
Monthly Meetings		£45.70
Trustee Expenses		£56.19
Member Refund		£8.00
Third Age Trust		£1,411.00
RVS - Chesham Hse Rm Hire		£220.00
Speaker		£474.00
Miscellaneous		£48.00
Christmas Tea Party		£233.63
AGM tea Party		£49.09
Expenditure		£3,259.61
Petty Cash		£0.00
Total Expenditure		£3,259.61
Signed <i>J Roberts</i>		Date
Janice Roberts - Treasurer		14.05.2025
Anthony Bourne Audit		14/05/2025