**Mercian Copyright meeting Jan 18th 2023**

**Apols**: T.Rowley (Birmingham City)

**Present:** Rohit Tailor (de Montfort) , Stuart Bentley (Wolverhampton), S.Dar (Wolverhampton), Donya Rowan (Derby), Emma Sansby (Bishop Grosseteste), Luke Fowler (Wolverhampton) (chair),Georgina Dimmock (Northampton) Guy Lavender (Open University), Lisa .Bird (Birmingham), Amanda Padden (Wolverhampton), Tania Rowlett (Leicester), Sophie Bishop (Keele), Caroline Long (Aston) (notes), Hazel Barham (Newman)

**Actions from last meeting:**

* Lisa to check with Alex Fenton regarding storage for the resources spreadsheet
* Gaz Johnson’s Mercian role is currently being advertised
* Report from Mercian Chairs meeting postponed to next meeting

**Notes**

1. Chair welcomed new members and summarised recent history of the group
2. Membership has broadened to include Schol Comms/OA areas
3. Members updated on relevant events at their institutions
4. **Ukraine partner scheme –** there were many comments that there had been little/no communication from the Ukrainian side and limited cascade of guidance on a coordinated solution from sector organisations e.g JISC/SCONUL about a UK wide approach. Guy mentioned the licensing problems inhibiting the ability to supply. George mentioned it had been discussed at Sconul meetings but with no clear directive so far.
5. **Creative Commons article** – this was an interesting read, and lead to a discussion of CC licences and institutions being fined for misattributing material by copyright “trolls” Including the sharing of an open letter which may be useful in response to particular reverse search engines pursuing attribution: [Link here](https://doctorow.medium.com/an-open-letter-to-pixsy-ceo-kain-jones-who-keeps-sending-me-legal-threats-5dfc54558f2c)
6. **Copyright Resources to share** – Lisa will check with Alex if Birmingham can store the spreadsheet, if not it may be possible to store it at Aston, or we can investigate whether Mercian have or can obtain a shared drive for use by subgroups. The resources can be either freely available or those created by group members **Action: Lisa to report back to Luke/Caroline**
7. **Library content for students with extra needs –** we discussed RNIB Bookshare and how best to allow the students access, check their eligibility, and refer them. Many institutions also use Sensus Access and Lisa was checking what stats are available from it. **Action: Lisa to report back**
8. **AOB - RapidILL –** there was a discussion around how to decide what could be supplied and how the requests are balanced
9. **Agenda items for the next meeting – please send suggestions to the committee**

* Ukraine
* Sensus Access stats
* Resources spreadsheet
* Rights retention (Stuart/Hazel)
* Transformative agreements (stranding item)
* BL’s pilot project on paying fee and then sourcing the document from somewhere else has finished – what happens now? Try to get speaker from BL. **Action: Caroline**

**Date of next meeting –** May/June – Doodle poll to follow nearer the time