

## SUSS-EX CLUB

### Steering Group Meeting 59

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at 16.30 via Zoom

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome. Current members: Ross Dowsett, Colin Finn, Jackie Fuller, Charles Goldie, Arnold Goldman, Sara Hinchliffe, Steve Pavey, David Smith, Paul Tofts (Chair), Helen Walker.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Draft Minutes of the last meeting (58), 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, re-circulated with this Agenda.
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.
5. Financial report (Jackie).
6. Recent event (8<sup>th</sup> October): *The Buildings of Lewes* guided walk (David).
7. Scheduled event (25<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm): talk *How Surgeons Think* by Jan Nawrocki, campus seminar room and live stream (David, Sara).
8. Possible future events. The current list of events in mind is as follows.
  - a. Online quiz (Ross).
  - b. Christmas Party (Steve).
  - c. Repeat of Lewes guided walk?
  - d. Tour of Palmeira Mansions, Hove (Jackie).
  - e. Drop-in Social (Ross, Sara).
  - f. Wine tasting.
  - g. Talk on *Kindness* research and campus initiatives.
  - h. Fishbourne Roman Palace visit (Ross).
  - i. The Dome building project (Helen).
  - j. By boat around Shoreham Harbour and/or to Rampion Windfarm (Steve).
  - k. Other.
9. Membership benefits: Ross's paper is appended, reporting on discussion with Marina Pedreira-Vilarino (Head of DARO).
10. Newsletter: the group (Ross, Jackie, Charles, Sara) led by Ross circulated number 57 at the beginning of October.
11. Membership
  - a. Mailing list (Charles)
  - b. Facebook Group (Ross/Jackie)
12. AOB
13. Date of next meeting

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## **Suss-Ex members : review of benefits - correspondence with DARO**

**11/10/2021** From Marina / DARO:

“We are checking the various benefits that are beyond our control in case they are only for alumni (JSTOR and SAGE in particular) as there would be a very specific contract with the University.

We can add that they will receive the Sussex Lectures invitations as well.

As for Zoom, I’m afraid that this is not easy. We couldn’t create a generic email account because it has to be linked to individual members of staff. The license we have with Zoom I’m afraid only allows members of staff with staff logins to access zoom meetings. We couldn’t employ anyone for the purposes of being in the system to be able to access Zoom without going through HR these days. Sorry to disappoint. Perhaps there are some members of Suss-EX club that are emeritus/a and they are still doing some teaching etc and who might be in the system.

However, if you just need Zoom access for the termly meetings you host we may be able to set up the meeting for you and send the invitations on your behalf. We could try this out.

More soon no doubt. Please bear with us whilst we check those benefits.”

**Dr Marina Pedreira-Vilarino**

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**Subject:** Re: Suss-Ex benefits

“I thought I would follow up on the Suss-Ex benefits update so that we a) discuss at our next Steering group meeting on Friday 29th October and b) include in our next Newsletter due out late November / December.

I have attached a summary/draft article of what I "think" the member benefits are - the one area of uncertainty is if these benefits apply to members who are not retired i.e., have gone on to other employment. Ideally, Suss-ex members should all benefit equally.

In terms of "back-office" benefits, there is always the support that you give us via managing the membership database and our communications to the membership via email. In addition to this, I wanted to explore the possibility of piggy-backing onto UoS Zoom use for the Steering group? I have just renewed our annual membership which cost £144 and since we raise very little income (we just cover event costs), it would be really helpful if we could use UoS zoom for our meetings. I did try to set-up our group on Zoom using my UoS email address but was told that the domain was already in use - when I explored this further with ITS, Steve Easty told me that as I was no longer an employee I could not use Zoom for Suss-Ex purposes.

Could there be a way, via DARO, to use Zoom? Some of the Suss-Ex steering group members have UoS email addresses but we need a UoS password presumably?”

Sent to Marina / DARO as an email attachment:

**DRAFT for checking by Marina, then discussion by Steering Group**

*We are very pleased to announce that in discussion with DARO, we have updated the benefits that Suss-Ex members can access!*

*Since 2002 (when Suss-Ex was established), the University has introduced all sorts of new systems and on-line resources, so here is a summary of what your Suss-Ex membership now entitles you to:*

**Membership of the Sussex Alumni Network:** membership also includes discounts for some on-line courses, and access to the Alumni Directory to find friends and other former Sussex students <https://alumni.sussex.ac.uk/>

**Alumni News online:** receive regular updates about the University and its community <https://alumni.sussex.ac.uk/sussex-news>

**JSTOR:** an on-line library where subscribers can access more than 50 million digitised pages of scholarly works and research materials <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/alumni/community/jstor>

**SAGE Journals:** free access to scholarly journals and material previously only available to staff and current students of the University. <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/alumni/community/sage-journals>

**SussexSport:** special discounted rates for annual and three-monthly memberships, starting from £17 a month. <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sport/public>

**Alumni Monthly email Newsletter:**

**Falmer Magazine** – *does hard copy exist anymore?* How do they get the online version? <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/alumni/falmer-magazine/>

To register for these benefits, simply register here: <https://alumni.sussex.ac.uk/sussex-news>