

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 44th Steering Group meeting
Friday 13th April 2018 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair

Colin Finn agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Present

Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**), David Smith (**JDS**) and Paul Tofts (**PST**).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (**GRC**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**) and Steve Pavey (**SPCP**).

3. Minutes of the 43rd Meeting, of 19th January 2018

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

None.

5. Finance

JKF reported an unchanged balance, after outflows and inflows for the Christmas Party. Reconciling our needs with the University's financial procedures remains a task to be done.

6. Recent events

6(a). Towner Gallery, Eastbourne

CMG reported that 20 booked and 16 came. The tour of the art store provided much added value; two enthusiastic reviews were in press for our next Newsletter.

7. Future events, definite and possible

7(a). A meeting on campus on a medical topic

JP reported that contact with the potential speaker had stalled; **PST** volunteered to enquire what the problem is.

7(b). British Airways i360

See previous Minutes.

7(c). Backstage tour of Glyndebourne

CBPF reported that no tours were running this year, because of building work. We remain enthusiastic for a Suss-Ex tour in 2019.

7(d). Plumpton College

JDS will discuss with his contact what sort of tour would suit Suss-Ex, and aim to offer the result for a date this summer, if possible not in a teaching period there.

7(e). Ecology talk-plus-meal, or Boundary Walk

JDS/ANP will make enquiries.

7(f). Harvey's Brewery

CBPF will enquire about a possible tour, and in particular how long the lead time now is.

8. Relations with the University

8(a). Emeritus Readership

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The unapproved Regulation remains on the University website. **CMG** will offer a draft of what was decided.

8(b). *Possible meetings*

CMG will brief **SPCP** and **PST** to support their seeking a meeting with Chief Operating Officer Dr Tim Westlake and, if possible, HR Director Sheila Gupta.

9. Liaison with Oxford University Society of East Sussex

PST's negotiation with OUSES was welcomed, and we agreed that he would indicate that we would like Suss-Ex to be included in the 2019 Garden Party, which is expected to be at the western end of East Sussex.

10. Membership

C. 350 by e-mail plus 75 by post. Joinings seem to be at least matched by removals, by either death or loss of contact. **CMG** will enquire if our flyer still goes to retirees, and will aim to write to those for whom we have no current e-mail address, asking for contact by that means if possible.

11. Newsletter

ANP to assemble the next edition, for issue when timely.

12. Any other business

CMG will ask if there are plans for the *Staff Bulletin*, which now barely exists as such.

13. Next meeting (CMG)

5.15 pm on Friday 13th July or an adjacent Friday.