SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 49th Steering Group meeting
Friday 12th July 2019 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair
AMG took the chair.

2. Present
Colin Finn (CBPF), Jackie Fuller (JKF), Charles Goldie (CMG), Arnold Goldman (AMG), Steve Pavey (SPCP), Adrian Peasgood (ANP), David Smith (JDS), Paul Tofts (PST) and Helen Walker (HJW).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (GRC).

CMG communicated Jennifer Platt’s resignation from the Group. The Steering Group recorded its thanks to Jennifer, a founder member, for her continuous service since the Suss-Ex Club’s formation.

3. Minutes of the 48th Meeting, of 22nd March 2019
Approved, with the addition that the Group supported the action reported in Minute 6 over an obituary in Newsletter 38.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere
None.

5. Finance
JKF reported our credit balance. Possible future alternative arrangements for our account remain to be discussed.

6. Recent events
(a). Talk by the VC plus evening meal in the Conference Centre
CMG reported that the expected 30 attended the talk, of whom 27 stayed for the meal. Agreed that the numbers, while not embarrassingly low, were disappointing, as was the meal. On any future such occasion we should opt for a less cautious menu; also Steering Group members need to encourage everyone to mix, and do so themselves.

(b). Royal Pavilion Gardens
SPCP reported a great event, well led in good weather, which raised £125 for the gardens by voluntary donations.

(c). Celebration of Sussex
Most of the Steering Group had been invited to this University event on 6th June, though there was no detail as to what it would consist of. PST will write to Marina Pedreira-Vilarino to thank her for the invitations.

7. Future events
(a). Talk by Fred Gray, visit to British Airways i360, and optional fish-and-chips
SPCP reported that he expected imminently to fix the date, for a weekday early-evening event in the first week of October.

(a). Harvey’s Brewery
CBPF reported that our tour was now fixed for Thursday 5th September at 6.30 pm. It will last one and a half hours and cost £5 each; maximum numbers are 25.
(c). A meeting on campus on a medical topic
- SPCP and HJW will aim to discuss a possible New Year event with Michael Farthing.
- CBPF is shortly to lunch with a cardiologist and will ask about possibilities, liaising with SPCP and HJW.
- Noted that JDS has a surgeon contact who can give a talk entitled *How Do Surgeons Think?*

(d). Christmas Party
We expect to join USPAS again for a buffet lunch in the University’s Conference Centre. JKF and SPCP will liaise with Tracey Llewellyn, USPAS administrator, who fixes the date and organises the event.

(e). Royal Pavilion
We welcomed SPCP’s idea of a Curator’s Tour in the New Year of the forthcoming loan of a large number of items from Buckingham Palace. Dr Alexandra Loske of the Royal Pavilion could talk about the process of negotiating and selecting the loan as well as about the items loaned.

8. Prospective new members of the Steering Group
CMG will invite Rossana Dowsett to the next Steering Group meeting, with a view to her joining the Group.

9. Membership
CMG has been given the current list of members. Once some queries about it are cleared up he will write to Emeriti who are not members to invite them to join.

10. Newsletter
ANP will aim to publish the next issue in the week of 29th July. Agreed that our Newsletter should not normally re-publish obituaries identical to those in the Staff Bulletin, but wherever possible draw readers’ attention to Bulletin obituaries, giving a link.

11. Any other business
(a). Meetup
Following a suggestion of Ross Dowsett, agreed to consider a Meetup group as another means to reach out to former staff and publicise events or meetings.
(b). Participation
JKF observed that the core group of members who sign up to our events is, apart from the Christmas Party, far smaller than our membership. We agreed to consider how to gain wider participation.

12. Next meeting
Friday 11th October, 5.15 pm. CMG will aim to book our usual room.