

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 63rd Steering Group meeting
Friday 7th October 2022 (postponed from 23rd September), online

1. Welcome

Paul Tofts chaired the virtual meeting, hosted by Charles Goldie using Suss-Ex's Zoom subscription. Also present were Ross Dowsett (in Italy), Colin Finn, Jackie Fuller and Steve Pavey.

2. Apologies for absence

Sara Hinchliffe, Tony Moore and Helen Walker.

3. Minutes of the 62nd Meeting, of 1st July 2022

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

None

5. Finance

Jackie reported the credit balance after paying the Zoom subscription.

6. Recent event

With blackberries unprecedentedly early, and with rain forecast on the chosen date of Friday 9th September, the picnic-plus-blackberrying ended up as a social gathering at 3pm at the café of the Depôt in Lewes. Thanks as ever to **Ross** for organising. The venue was good and the event was easy to set up and went well; it was good to see new faces.

7. Future events

- Aiming for the afternoon or early evening of Friday 11th November, **Ross** and **Steve** will host a repeat drop-in Social, most likely at *The Station*, the pub next to Hove station. Other possible venues include the *Olive Grove* restaurant in Brighton's Lanes, which has upstairs rooms available free for parties buying drinks. *Rockwater* on Hove sea-front was thought more suitable for a summer gathering.
- USPAS's Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday 15th December (subject to confirmation) at 12.30 pm in the Bramber House Conference Centre. **Steve** and **Ross** will contact the new USPAS administrator and the University to establish the cost to us, and will set the ticket price to our members accordingly. £10 was felt reasonable (last time £8, in 2019). **Jackie** will handle bookings from our members, and payments. USPAS will recruit speakers from the University. **Paul** will speak as our Chair to advertise Suss-Ex.
- With reference to next year, **Steve** reported that the Shoreham Port authority's new café *The Port Kitchen* is excellent, and the existence of the boat for harbour trips is expected by then.

8. Newsletter

The subgroup led by **Ross** will assemble a short Newsletter, mainly to advertise the future events above, along with our Facebook site doing so. Other content will be a report on our recent event, advance notice to members of our intended survey in January or February, public thanks to Tracey Llewellyn for her collaboration for many years over the USPAS/Suss-Ex Christmas Parties, and links to obituaries.

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9. Membership

(a) Steering Group

Our intended member survey should identify any need to recruit. Members need to commit to being active in the Group.

(b) Mailing list

Nothing to report.

(c) Facebook

Some new members have joined.

10. Other business

None.

11. Next meeting

Friday 13th January 2023 at 4.30 pm via Zoom; **Charles** will set it up.