SUSS-EX CLUB

Notes of the 66th Steering Group meeting Friday 7th July 2023, in the Student Centre on campus

1. Welcome

Paul Tofts welcomed everyone to our first in-person meeting since 17th January 2020. Also present were Colin Finn, Jackie Fuller, Charles Goldie and Helen Walker.

2. Apologies for absence

Sara Hinchliffe and Tony Moore. Sara also notified us that she was leaving the Steering Group.

3. Minutes of the 65th Meeting, of 21st April 2023

Approved by default.

4. Future Plans

We discussed Jackie's paper, circulated in advance (and appended to the Minutes). Pending **Jackie**'s fuller analysis of the questionnaire returns we agreed that Suss-Ex should continue with the following easy-to-organise events and other actions.

5. Events

- Charles will convene a bring-your-own picnic, plus blackberrying, on campus. We last did this on 26th August 2021, with good picking. Last year we proposed 9th September but the blackberries were well over by then and rain was forecast so we met for a drop-in Social at the Depôt in Lewes instead. This year let us make it Friday 18th August at 3 pm, with postponement to Friday 25th August if rain is forecast. Charles will circulate the mailing list and Jackie will assist with Facebook notifications.
- Steve and Helen will organise a drop-in Social in September/October at the Depôt in Lewes.
- Steve will organise our part in the USPAS/Suss-Ex Christmas Party.
- In summer 2024, **Colin** will hope to run a Brighton Sewer Tour, and **Steve** the long discussed Shoreham Harbour boat trip.

6. Other actions

- Jackie will compile one Newsletter, with Charles's assistance.
- Jackie and Charles will revise the paper about Suss-Ex issued to those leaving Sussex University employment.
- Steve, already in fruitful contact with Finance Director Allan Spencer, will aim to meet him and CEO Tim Westlake to discuss the University's support for Suss-Ex and Suss-Ex's usefulness to the University.
- Paul will follow up his contact with VC Sasha Roseniel and enquire if she would like to give us a talk, as all previous (non-interim) VCs have done.

7. Next meeting

Friday 20th October 2023 at 4.30 pm in the Student Centre on campus.