

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 67th Steering Group meeting
4.30 pm on Friday 20th October 2023, via Zoom

1. Welcome

The meeting was to have been on campus but for reasons of convenience was held online. Paul Tofts welcomed Colin Finn, Jackie Fuller, Charles Goldie and Tony Moore.

2. Apologies for absence

Steve Pavey, Helen Walker.

3. Minutes of the 66th Meeting, of 7st July 2023

Approved.

4. Matters arising

Paul continues to liaise with Zoe Varney-Burch over a possible meeting with the VC, suggesting alternatively a small meeting (with the Steering Group), a larger meeting (with members generally), or the former leading to the latter.

5. Financial report

Jackie reported our unchanged balance, explaining that it is the accumulation of small profits on past large events, priced to include a safety margin.

6. Past event

Charles reported that the bring-you-own picnic, plus blackberrying, on Friday 18th August, was successful and well timed, with about a dozen participants. To be repeated next year.

7. Future events

Held over. **Steve** is asked to circulate the date of the USPAS/Suss-Ex Christmas Party, once fixed.

8. Bulletin/This is Sussex

Jackie complained immediately to Internal Communications and received a formal acknowledgment promising a response, but none has come. **Charles** will draft a complaint from Suss-Ex as a whole, following up Jackie's (and reminding the recipients of the Helena Normanton Club and the need for the University to engage with its existing and potential members).

9. Membership

(a) Steering Group

Charles proposed a successor to Sir Gordon Conway as Patron of Suss-Ex. Charles will write on behalf of the Steering Group.

Tony reported that it would be welcome for Suss-Ex to circulate its members with the details of the London event in memory of Sir Gordon, when it is fixed, and that members should feel welcome to attend it.

(b) Mailing list

Charles reported that new members continue to trickle in, mainly through receiving, on leaving employment, our invitation to join.

7. Next meeting

Friday 24th November 2023 at 4.30 pm via Zoom, **Charles** to convene.

Notes by Charles Goldie