

**SUSS-EX CLUB**  
**Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Steering Group meeting**  
**4.30 pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, via Zoom**

**1. Welcome**

Present were Jackie Fuller, Charles Goldie, Tony Moore, Steve Pavey and Paul Tofts, who chaired the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Colin Finn and Helen Walker.

**3. Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting, of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Approved.

**4. Matters arising**

None.

**5. Financial report**

**Jackie** reported our balance was unchanged. The takings from those attending our meeting with the VC are yet to be dealt with, as is the bill (if it emerges) from the University.

**6. Past event: Meeting with VC, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

We met in the Terrace Suite in Bramber House, **Paul** introducing the VC, chairing the meeting and, after her presentation, selecting the questioners, dissuading them from making speeches. Subsequent feedback and communications, in both directions, have been very positive, the VC impressed that a group such as ours exists. There were not enough canapés: for any future event we should check that more than three per person are provided.

**7. Future events**

*(a) Henfield pub lunch and walk*

**Tony** will book a table for 10–15 people at The Plough in Henfield and will lead a post-lunch walk, ending (optionally) with tea. Stagecoach bus 17 runs from Brighton to Henfield, while for cars there is parking at Henfield Hall. **Jackie** will liaise with Tony about circulating an invitation to mailing list and Facebook members to sign up (for themselves and guests if they wish) and come.

*(b) Drop-in Social*

**Steve** and **Helen** identify Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, at 3 pm or 3.30 pm for an informal get-together at The Dépôt in Lewes, consulting with Ross Dowsett.

*(c) Picnic plus blackberrying*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August: bring-your-own picnic on campus, followed optionally by blackberry collecting. **Charles** will draw up and circulate the invitation to members (mailing list and Facebook). A reserve date in case of rain remains to be agreed.

**8. Membership**

*(a) Steering Group*

Nothing to report.

*(b) Mailing list*

**Charles** reported a modest stream of new members, recruited by word of mouth.

*(c) Facebook*

Nothing to report.

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**9. Other business**

Agreed that we should follow up on the successful meeting with the VC, **Paul** to make the point in his letter to her. Possibilities include

- reinstating regular meetings between two of our group and the current Registrar/CEO, and
- an event similar to that with the VC, e.g. inviting Provost Michael Luck to talk about AI.

**10. Next meeting**

In person at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at The Dépôt, before the social get-together.