

SUSS-EX CLUB
Minutes of the 17th Steering Group meeting
Friday 12th November 2010 at 4.30 pm
DARO Meeting Room, Bramber House

0. Minutes

Charles Goldie agreed to take the Minutes.

1. Present

Bob Benewick (RJB), Sue Bullock (SDB), Gordon Conway (GRC, chair), Jackie Fuller (JKF), Charles Goldie (CMG), Arnold Goldman (AMG), Steve Pavey (SPCP) from 5.30, Adrian Peasgood (ANP), Jennifer Platt (JP) and David Smith (JDS).

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Tribe and Ken Wheeler (KPW).
Mike Tribe is leaving the area and the Group; **GRC** will write.

3. Minutes of the 16th Meeting, of 2nd July 2010

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

It was hoped that **SPCP** would contribute the intended article about the Club to the Bulletin.

CMG and **JP** to contact a [named member] with an invitation to come to a meeting of the Group.

5. Brief reports on recent events

JP reported that the Theatre Royal had mounted some good productions for early autumn but there had not been enough interest to set up a group visit.

6. Future programme

6.1. Mary Kaldor talk (12/11/2010)

JKF reported that bookings at the deadline were below viability, but that a reminder to our e-mail list coupled with open invitations to campus groups likely to be interested had brought the numbers up to satisfactory levels, for both the talk and the meal. Generating extra publicity was burdensome for the organiser but members agreed that such action might on occasion be necessary in the future. JKF was warmly thanked for her efforts.

6.2. Future talks

JDS confirmed the dates for the John D. Barrow (28/01/2011) and Harry Kroto (17/06/2011) talks.

6.3. Christmas party (Wed. 15/12/2010, 12.30 pm)

SDB reported that availability of the Meeting House without charge continued and cooperation with the USPAS administrator remained good. As usual, volunteers would be needed on the day.

6.4. Theatre trips

JP proposes a February visit to *Yes Prime Minister* at the Theatre Royal and will continue to monitor the theatre's programme. **ANP** will continue to monitor amateur theatre productions, and **AMG** the Lewes Operatic Society.

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6.5. *Coach/train trips*

JP and **CMG** will raise the possibility with Roger Walkinton of a group visit next year to St Paul's.

A summer coach trip to Down House remained a promising possibility.

6.6. *Tour/visit to the Amex Stadium*

RJB will investigate.

6.7. *Joint venture with 'Friends of Brighton Pavilion'*

GRC will investigate.

6.8. *New suggestions*

JKF, when she judges the time to be right, will approach Baroness Andrews for a possible evening talk.

7. Financial report

JKF gave an informal report: once today's receipts and expenses were processed, the Club's balance would remain in modest surplus.

8. Next Newsletter

This is needed soon to publicise and allow booking for the Christmas Party, the John Barrow talk, and *Yes Prime Minister*. **ANP** volunteered to assemble the issue, receiving contributions by Friday 19/11/2010 and publishing on 22/11/2010.

9. Discussion with the Registrar

John Duffy was welcomed to the meeting. He characterised the University as well placed to meet an increasingly uncertain future. The programme of events for the University's 50th anniversary celebrations will be published in January; he brought the following components to our attention.

- There will be a number of '50th Anniversary Gold Medals' awarded; we will be asked for suggestions/nominations.
- A 'Birthday Party' will be held on 10–11 September 2011. He suggested we host an event as part of this and be funded for it.

We resolved to consider the latter at our January meeting.

We suggested that a booklet could be commissioned based on our list of obituaries of former staff members; the Registrar welcomed the idea.

As the meeting broke up, **CMG** and **JDS** sought and received the Group's approval for contact on its behalf with the Registrar over the transition to retirement or departure of colleagues needing facilities for continuing scholarly activity.

10. Any other business

CMG agreed to aim to bring a current membership list to future meetings of the Group, for members to consult and suggest additions.

11. Next meeting

Friday 28th January 2011, 4.30 pm in the DARO Meeting Room, before the John Barrow talk/reception at 6.30 for 7.