

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 43rd Steering Group meeting
Friday 19th January 2018 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair

Arnold Goldman agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Present

Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**), David Smith (**JDS**) and Paul Tofts (**PST**).

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (**GRC**) and Colin Finn (**CBPF**).

3. Minutes of the 42nd Meeting, of 6th October 2017

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

None.

5. Finance

5(a). Financial Report

JKF reported essentially no change from what had been reported to the previous three meetings.

5(b). Money handling

JKF agreed to pursue further with the current management accountant whether University procedures could be made usable by Suss-Ex for its events. **PST** outlined a possible alternative, where one member of the Steering Group opens an extra bank account for Suss-Ex purposes, which others could be made co-signatories of.

6. Recent events

6(a). Cambridge Society of Sussex; 'Academic Talk' and dinner (CMG)

A number of Suss-Ex members came, beyond those who also belong to the Cambridge Society, and the Society was happy with our participation.

6(b). Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas Party (JKF)

Arrangements in the Conference Centre were an improvement on last year; **JKF** has noted a few further practical suggestions for next year. **CMG** will thank organiser Tracey Llewellyn (Pensions Manager) on behalf of the Steering Group.

50+ Suss-Ex members came. The Chief Operating Officer, Dr Tim Westlake, substituted for the VC, allowing us to make useful contact.

7. Future events, definite and possible

7(a). Towner Gallery, Eastbourne

Organised by **JDS** for 22nd February; **CMG** will meet & greet and represent the Steering Group. Two tours if more than 15 come, otherwise one.

7(b). A meeting on campus on a medical topic

JP is in contact with Bobbie Farsides, Professor in Clinical and Biomedical Ethics, and will aim to fix a lecture meeting between now and May.

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7(c). *British Airways i360*

SPCP will aim to circulate the Group with cost and a proposed date in May/June for a talk by Fred Gray in the West Pier Heritage Centre, plus an i360 visit. Those who wish it can then repair to the Regency Restaurant for a fish-and-chip supper.

7(d). *Backstage tour of Glyndebourne*

The Group welcomed **CBPF**'s proposal, and agreed that if 7(b) doesn't come off a backstage tour might be offered before the Glyndebourne Festival starts on 19th May, or in any case in early autumn between the end of the Festival on 26th August and the start of the Tour on 12th October.

7(e). *Further possibilities, for later consideration*

- A visit in 2019 to the *Royal Pavilion* could include an expert talk on the major Moon exhibition that is to be mounted in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first landings.
- While we have never run a group visit to *Charleston*, we could do so subject to identifying what added value we could offer. **SPCP** is in regular contact with Michael Farthing who chairs the trustees.
- **SPCP** reported the excellence of Dr Martyn Stenning's leading of a group around the campus's *Boundary Walk*. Martyn is an ecologist and one of our members. With his agreement this could be put on as a free event, with sign-up in advance as numbers would need to be limited. **SPCP** to enquire.

8. Relations with the University

8(a). *Emeritus Readership (CMG)*

No progress.

8(b). *Possible meetings*

SPCP will seek a meeting, for himself and **PST**, both briefed by **CMG**, with Dr Tim Westlake. The HR Director might be included.

8(c). *Withdrawal of e-mail facilities from a retiree*

CMG reported that it is clear the University intends e-mail addresses ending @sussex.ac.uk to be restricted to those with a post or title of some sort.

9. Liaison with Oxford University Society of East Sussex

PST will investigate the possibility of an annual joint event similar to that which we have with the Cambridge Society of Sussex, or some closer liaison.

10. Membership (CMG)

Continues stable, with occasional joinings.

11. Next Newsletter

ANP agreed again to assemble the issue.

12. Any other business

None.

13. Next meeting (CMG)

5.15 pm on Friday 20th April or an adjacent Friday.