

SUSS-EX CLUB
Notes of the 46th Steering Group meeting
Friday 5th October 2018 at 5.15 pm
Room 5C11, Pevensey III

1. Chair

GRC took the chair.

2. Present

Gordon Conway (**GRC**), Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), Jennifer Platt (**JP**) and David Smith (**JDS**).

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Tofts (**PST**).

3. Minutes of the 45th Meeting, of 13th July 2018

Approved.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

JDS reported that the visit to Plumpton College attracted 16–17 people and was an unqualified success, gaining comments such as “a joyous afternoon” and many expressions of thanks.

The Boundary Walk, organised by **ANP** and led by ecologist Dr Martyn Stenning, was likewise judged an unqualified success by participants, though could have attracted more takers.

5. Finance

JKF reported that we had covered some minor expenses incurred for the Plumpton College visit but our balance was essentially unchanged.

6. Imminent events

JKF confirmed that the Christmas Party (buffet lunch), joint with USPAS, would be held on Thursday 13th December, 12.30–14.30 in Bramber House level 3. Agreed to increase the charge to Suss-Ex members and guests to £8 after holding it at £7 for many years. **JKF** to draft the sign-up form and hand over organisation and USPAS liaison to **SPCP**. Invited guests might include those suggested by **PST**.

7. Future events, definite and possible

7(a). *British Airways i360*

Possible dates, most likely in the New Year, to be circulated by **SPCP**.

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

JP and **CMG** will discuss possible alternative speakers from the Medical School with **PST**.

7(c). *Talk plus meal*

GRC to ask the VC to suggest a Friday evening in March/April for a possible talk (plus meal) in Bramber House on the future of the University and/or higher education generally, in the context of Brexit (or non-Brexit).

Added to the list of future possibilities for a talk-plus-meal: the history and foundation of the Medical School.

7(d). *Harvey's Brewery*

CBPF has provisionally booked a tour for June 2019.

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7(e). *Glyndebourne backstage tour*

CBPF to book 15 places for an afternoon in late November.

7(f). *Royal Pavilion Gardens*

SPCP to draft a preliminary note for the next Newsletter.

8. Relations with the University

PST and **CMG** met the VC on 30th July and **PST** subsequently submitted notes of the meeting (previously circulated). The VC contacted Heads of Schools and reported back briefly but very positively: see **PST**'s 20th September acknowledgment to the VC, copied to the Steering Group. Subsequently Alison Field has been suggested by the Director of External Relations as our point of contact with the Internal Communications team. **PST** and **CMG** to respond and follow up.

9. Membership

SPCP to sound out a member to join the Steering Group. **GRC** to advertise the Steering Group at the Christmas Lunch and ask anyone interested in joining, or volunteering to help with specific events, to talk to one of the existing members.

11. Newsletter

ANP to act as Editor on a continuing basis. The next issue, for late October, to have sign-up forms for Glyndebourne and the Christmas Lunch.

12. Any other business

None.

13. Next meeting

5.15 pm on Friday 18th January 2019.