

**SUSS-EX CLUB**  
**Notes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Steering Group meeting**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 4.30 pm, online**

**1. Welcome**

Paul Tofts chaired the virtual meeting, hosted by Charles Goldie using Suss-Ex's Zoom subscription. Tony Moore joined the Group, welcomed by all. Also present were Ross Dowsett, Jackie Fuller, Sara Hinchliffe, Steve Pavey and Helen Walker.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Colin Finn.

**3. Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting, of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The item **Possible future events** was number 7, not 8 as minuted.

**4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

Re Minute 13(b) (deletion of obituaries and other articles from the online Bulletin 'archive') **Charles** reported that he had heard nothing further from senior Library staff, and after checking with them that the matter is stalled he would take it up with senior management—the Chief Operating Officer with the Alumni Director copied in. To guard against further deletions Charles has downloaded all obituaries in Bulletins after those in the print archive. The Group thanked Charles for his efforts and noted that it should not be down to an informal club of ex-staff to have to safeguard the university's own history from itself.

**5. Finance**

**Jackie** reported that the credit balance was unchanged.

**6. Recent event: online quiz**

Congratulations to **Ross** for excellent questions. Technical aspects were fine. Participation might have been higher with a start time of 7.30 rather than 6.30.

**7. Future event: hybrid talk on *Kindness* project, 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The Seminar Room in the Genome building is booked; its IT system has had the awaited upgrade and should now be fine. Those coming in person will be required to register in advance for one of 30 places but should be encouraged to do so and come; we can rely on actual numbers being lower than 30 because of no-shows. Advance directions and notices on doors will be needed to help those attending find the building and its lower entrance, noting that parking is free from 5 pm. Those joining via Zoom will be given the link in advance publicity; the link will admit them (muted) automatically. **Ross** to be Zoom host, **Steve** to introduce the speaker, and **Paul** doorman.

**8. Possible future events**

Only those discussed are re-listed below, in likely order of being mounted—not all of them. Thanks to **Ross** for assembling the Events Planner, and to **Jackie** for the updated Summary of past events, both circulated with the Agenda.

*(a) Wine tasting, indoors in May*

James Hirschfeld offers a tasting *Let us travel the world*. **Ross** will liaise with him to identify a Friday evening slot, asking him to book Pevensey 5C11 and if possible to provide glasses. **Ross** will provide cheese, nibbles and bottled water.

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(b) *Lewes possibilities for June/July*

**Ross** and **Steve** will reconnoître Lewes for one of

- a pub drop-in social,
- a Railway Land tour,
- a Lewes guided walk.

(c) *Fishbourne Roman Palace, after end of school summer term*

**Ross** will book a private tour and seek to recruit the necessary 15 or more participants before the last possible cancellation date. As noted previously, costings are £70 for the tour plus £9.90 per-person entrance fee.

(d) *Campus boundary walk, August or October*

**Sara** or **Ross** to enquire of Martyn Stenning if and when he might be available.

(e) *Campus picnic followed by blackberrying, early September*

**Ross** noted that holding this on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August last year was a little early for the blackberries. **Charles** (on behalf also of Jennifer) offers daughter-baked cake.

(f) *Tour of 33 Palmeira Mansions, September/October*

**Jackie**'s contact who conducts tours of this interesting building, now used as a language school, is preparing to resume private tours post Brighton Festival, but will use the Festival tours to assess optimum group size post-Covid. If popular with our members we might furnish two groups, one visiting before lunch and the other after, with an optional joint lunch in between.

(g) *Shoreham Harbour and Rampion Windfarm, early autumn*

An electric tour-boat is being built, on which the re-launch of tours depends. **Steve** will monitor progress.

(h) *Talk plus dinner, autumn*

**Steve** reports that David Hendy, professor of media and film, recently emeritus, is an excellent speaker who would talk on his newly published *The BBC: a People's History*. Steve is also following up his suggestion (noted in Other Business in our last Minutes) of biologist Julian Burke as a speaker.

## 9. Newsletter

The subgroup led by **Ross**, with members **Jackie**, **Charles** and **Sara**, will work on Newsletter 59. Lacking content at present, it cannot realistically be in time to include the invitation to the *Kindness* event on 25<sup>th</sup> April. That will thus need to go to the mailing list as a stand-alone e-mail, and simultaneously to the Facebook Group.

## 10. Membership

(a) *Steering Group*

We are now 9 strong. Agreed that our next Newsletter should include an invitation to contact any member of the Steering Group to discuss the possibility of joining it.

(b) *Mailing list*

**Charles** reported as before that new members continue to trickle in, having received our joining form on leaving Sussex University employment.

(c) *Facebook Group*

The Facebook Group now has 127 members. Congratulations to Ross, Jackie, Sara for its success.

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**11. Other business**

None.

**12. Next meeting**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 4.30 pm via Zoom; **Charles** will set it up.