



**IHBC South East Branch  
Annual General Meeting**

**Weald and Downland Museum, Chichester,  
West Sussex, PO18 0EU**

**Friday 12 October 2012.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Seán Rix (Chairman), Lone Le Vay, Debbie Maltby, Jo Barnes, Paul Barker, Chezel Bird, Eddie Booth, Phil Brown, Steve Corbett, Maggie Henderson, Martin Higgins, Sam Johnson, John McNally, Peter Mills, Andrew Norris, Sanne Roberts, Edward Sargent, Graham Simpkin, Robin Stannard, Amy Williamson

**1 Apologies**

Nigel Barker, Jo Evans, John Kaye, John Townshend, David Kincaid, Richard Morrice, Eimear Murphy, Oliver Chapman, Judith Norris, Roger Dowty

**2 Minutes of the AGM of 29 September 2011**

Motion to approve proposed by Peter Mills, seconded by Chezel Bird. Unanimously agreed.

**3 Matters arising**

Andrew Norris asked that the approval of the re-election of standing branch officers at the 2011 AGM be recorded as this motion was missing from the minutes.

**4 Chairman's report (circulated)**

Seán Rix reported that it has been a busy year, with several proposed changes to how we carry out our work. As an institution, we have come out well as a shared voice with other organisations regarding the impact on the historic environment and its effect on the social and economic well-being of the country. The argument against the introduction of VAT against works to listed buildings was not successful, but the organisation is continuing to collate examples of projects shelved because of the cost implications. Please send Mike Brown any examples that you may have. Seán also noted that the volunteer resources of the branch have been depleted this year, and asked everyone to consider helping with organising events and bringing forward ideas for keeping up the required CPD.

**5 Treasurer's report (circulated)**

Lone Le Vay reported that financial movement has largely been related to education this year. No bursary for the Annual School was given, but Lone asked for views on whether two

bursaries to the branch annual school should be given, particularly aimed towards retired members, or members who have been made redundant.

## **6 Election of Officers**

David Kincaid stood down as committee member without portfolio, Oliver Chapman stood down as Kent rep, and Paul Barker stood down as East Sussex rep. Peter Mills would like to stand down as Surrey rep, but as no volunteer has come forward as a replacement, he volunteered to remain in the role for one more year only. Peter also represents the branch on the South East Heritage Forum meeting at the English Heritage offices in Guildford. When he steps down as Surrey rep, the new rep will also need to take on this role. The branch is therefore currently looking for Surrey, East Sussex and Kent reps, but would also welcome volunteers to sit on the branch committee with no formal role. A South Downs rep could also be considered.

A vote was held on whether to support the remaining existing posts. Proposed by Andrew Norris, seconded by Eddie Booth. Agreed.

The Chair thanked David Kincaid, Oliver Chapman and Paul Barker for all of their work as committee members.

## **8 AOB**

The proposal to offer bursaries for the branch day school, as mentioned by the Treasurer, was proposed. Paul Barker proposed, Dave Boyson seconded. Majority voted for.

Future events:

- Seán Rix will be circulating shortly a 'schedule' and map for the wassailing event to be held in London on Friday the 7 December.
- Steve Emery, English Heritage Fire Safety Advisor, will be giving a talk on fire safety in February. Details will be circulated.
- A membership seminar, to assist people in applying for full membership, will be arranged for early next year and details will be circulated.
- A training session on heritage crime is being arranged by English Heritage for the South Downs National Park Authority - IHBC members will be welcome to this.

## **9 Date of next meeting**

To be held during branch day school. Venue and date to be confirmed.

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