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SOUTH BRANCH

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on Friday, 20th October 2017 at Shaw House, Newbury

1. **Apologies** had been received from Emilia McDonald, Morwenna Breen-Haynes, Kevin Stubbs, David Girling and Cathy Roberts. 18 members were present.
2. **Minutes** of the last AGM held on 7th October 2016; there were no matters arising.
3. **Election of Officers**: Alison Davidson replaces Julia Foster as the Branch's representative on IHBC Council whilst Julia becomes Vice-Chairman. Olivia Mayell has volunteered to take responsibility for IT, communications and publicity. Otherwise Committee members will continue as before. A full list of the Committee and vacant posts is given below.
4. **Treasurer's Report**: this will be ready for discussion at the next Committee meeting since the last bank statement for the financial year is not yet available. Our financial position is healthy. The Branch strategy is to provide cost-effective CPD events at heavily subsidised rates. The Treasurer welcomed ideas on how to use the surplus funds still available from the 2012 Annual School held in Winchester.
5. **Activity report**: The Chairman reported a busy and successful year following last year's AGM and conference at Shaw House. We are continually able to secure a remarkable range of expert speakers for our CPD events. Apart from today's conference on Interiors at Shaw House, events had been held at Bursledon Brickworks in November, on Ethics at Oxford University (with over 50 in attendance) in July and on historic pubs at the King's Head in Aylesbury in September. Unfortunately a tour of historic mills in Buckinghamshire arranged for August had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. This may be re-arranged.
South Branch covers a large area and the Committee aims for a wide geographic coverage when arranging events. Plans for 2018 include a Churches day at All Saints' church, Odiham on 19th January and a half-day IHBC membership session with Kate Kendall, to be added to a branch CPD event. Ideas being considered are earth buildings, naval heritage at Portsmouth Naval Dockyard, an event at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, a chimney day, and a conference on the Modern Movement.
The Chairman pointed out that the committee is small and made a plea for more members to help organise events so that we can maintain a vibrant branch.
5. **Any other business**: The Chairman invited ideas for future activities. One member suggested a conference on 20th century buildings; another on including social changes and how spaces are being used in different ways. There was a request for a branch Twitter page. Olivia Mayell is adept at using Twitter but it was pointed out that this can be time-consuming and it's important to keep it up to date. IHBC Head Office do advertise our events on the main IHBC social media. Alison Davidson asked members for names of any professional contacts to add to her list. The Hampshire representative advised that the Jane Austen house museum had launched an appeal for donations – "the Jane Fund". <https://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/janes-fund>
Sally Stradling expressed thanks to the Chairman and Committee for the work they do. Sarah Homer wished to record the Branch's appreciation and thanks to all our speakers during the year.

IHBC South Branch Committee 2017-2018

Branch Chair: Jonathan Clarke

Vice Chair: Julia Foster

Secretary: Marian Miller

Treasurer: David Birkett

**Branch rep on IHBC Council,
and Branch and Professions Liaison:**

Alison Davidson

Buckinghamshire Rep: Peter Cross

Oxfordshire Rep: Sarah Homer

Berkshire Rep: Gill Butter

Hampshire Rep: Chris Smith

IT/Communications/Publicity Co-ordinator:

Olivia Mayell

Committee members: Morwenna Breen-Haynes,
Kevin Stubbs and Emilia McDonald

Vacant posts:

Channel Islands Rep: *(contact point for applicants, and members within Channel Islands)*

Assistant secretary: *(deputises for secretary when necessary)*

Events co-ordinator: *(handles room bookings, liaises with speakers, organises catering)*

Membership (applications): *(comments on applications for full membership received by the branch)*

Membership (Outreach): *(responsible for raising awareness of the benefits of membership, encourages new members to apply)*