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SOUTH EAST BRANCH

IHBC South East Branch Committee Meeting
The Bull's Head, Reigate, Surrey
Wednesday 9th April 2014

MINUTES

Present:

Peter Mills, Chezél Bird, Eddie Booth, Clare Dales, Lone Le Vay, Andrew Norris, Eimear Murphy, Sanne Roberts, Catherine Jeater.

1 Apologies

Seán Rix, Jason Clemons, Debbie Maltby

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed.

3 Matters arising

None.

4 Feedback from IHBC Council Meetings 27.2.14 & 3.4.14

Feedback given by Eddie Booth

Meetings covered getting papers for AGM agreed, with some revision of Articles of Association.

Clarity of Secretaries was reached, with Eddie Booth as IHBC Secretary and Richard Morris as Company Secretary.

It was noted that required attendance for meetings to reach a quorum are very high, so proxy voting will be introduced. Papers will be sent out with AGM mailout.

Finances are reported to be healthy, although it is noted that as a charity, it is not our purpose to generate and hold funds.

A new post will be created : Learning Education & Training Services Officer.

Branch Connection Day 2013 was on Ethics, 2014 will be on Membership

Annual School in Edinburgh in June

2015 – Norwich

2017 – Ireland - Specifics and themes to be announced

Consultations on draft legislation and English Heritage restructure were discussed

5 Events

Summer Party – potentially Saturday 14th June at Great Dixter, Rye, East Sussex
Suggested programme: 11am meet with coffee followed by private tour of house, followed by garden tour and picnic in the grounds. 20-25 people max

Action: Chezél Bird

Ragstone Quarry – CD has made contact with new personnel at quarry, but decided to leave scheduling of this CPD until Debbie Maltby returns from maternity leave as she has special input into this event.

War Memorials Trust – Possible event in September, good timing due to WWI commemorations. Could be held at Westerham

Action: Peter Mills

Legal Update & Issues – English Heritage not forthcoming in providing event, however they are providing a number of seminars through HELM etc at the moment, which may inform members

Albury House – Chezel has link and will look at programming in as future event

Flint Man – Clare Dales has established costs to be approx £1,000 for 12 people, including lunch, venue hire and VAT. Full day of theory and practice to be held near Alfriston, East Sussex. IHBC to cover costs and recover from members.

Action: Clare Dales to fix date and costs. Lone le Vay to process finances.

Energy Measures – Code For Sustainable Homes ceased April 2014 and currently being replaced by mix of Building Regs, PassiveHaus, Lifetime Homes... Carbongc - James Blackburn or an employee may be able to give presentation, also blog for updates.

<http://www.murphyassociates.co.uk/1/post/2014/03/code-for-sustainable-homes-is-axed-its-official-reports-james.html>

Maybe Westerham event, Mid-Sussex/Wealden may be able to input

Action: Eimear Murphy

6 **AGM**

Ideas put forward of 'Regency Town House' in Brighton & Hove with possible presentations on West Pier & i-360 as contemporary themes.

Case Law & Appeals – An Overview of the Year

Hastings – St Mary In The Castle, Jerwood Gallery and Pelham Arcade

Wey & Arun Canals Trust – New visitors centre at Loxwood – *Lone to contact Alan Johnson about this*

Sanne Roberts to explore possibility/feasibility of Brighton & Hove as a venue and report back at next meeting. Chezel to contact Hastings as possible venue pending Sanne's comment.

AGM to be held on 10th October 2014

7 **AOB**

Richard Morris suggested a visit to The Shard as it overlooks the core of the Fire of 1666, and subsequent rebuild - taking in The Globe, Golden Hynde and tour of Southwark. Possible Branch Connection Day

Elections: Peter Mills stated he wishes to step down at next AGM. Sean Rix (although absent from meeting), conveyed wish to step down as Chair at next AGM, but would be willing to continue if no others stepped forwards. There were no suggestions for nominations for this post. Post of Vice Chair is vacant. Sanne Roberts and Catherine Jeater expressed a desire to become West and East Sussex Reps. Eimear Murphy expressed possible interest in National Branch Rep. It was noted that Reps from some areas, had not been present at meetings for some time, and their wish to continue to be involved would be ascertained by the next meeting. (it was noted that Paul Barker resigned at last AGM, but is still listed as Rep on IHBC Website)

8 **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 14th May 2014, at the Bulls Head, Reigate at 7pm