

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Local Government Landscape Group**

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GROUP**

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 23 November 2006

**Paul Johnston – Basingstoke and Deane
Neil Williamson - New Forest
Julie Boschi – Havant
Mark Wilson – Hampshire CC
Paul Best – Hampshire CC
Stephen D’Este Hoare – East Hants
Tim Dyer – Eastleigh
Russell Mouny - Rushmoor**

The meeting started of with Neil W giving the group a guided walk along Hythe Promenade, a scheme recently implemented by New Forest District Council.

1. Apologies

Jan Anderson, Mike Tartaglia-Kershaw, Viv Fifield

2. Minutes of 25 September 2006 meeting

approved

3. New Chair of the Group

Mark Wilson to take over from the next meeting, however the position of Vice-Chair is still vacant. Mark will be canvassing the group to fill this post

4. Landscape Institute/South-West Branch.

Neil outlined some of the work that he is involved with as vice-President of the Landscape Institute. There is a vast range of work covering a number of different areas including – The Identity of and Communications within the LI; The LI Development Plan 2005-1012; Governance of the Institute; Membership Review Group; Pathway to Chartership; Talks in Schools; the International Agenda; LI’s membership of the Society for the Environment and a Memorandum of Understanding with RIBA

5. HLGLG Web Site.

Mike Tartaglia-Kershaw has kindly offered to be the groups ‘Web-Master’ and a number of ideas in addition to those already on the old site were considered for inclusion;-

Existing: Action Plan, Minutes, L and D checklist, Planning Conditions
New Ideas: Magazine Article, Best Practice Notes – and contacts for who best to approach for different areas; Recent Work; Links to LI and LISW website and other Local Govt groups; Links to the Districts; A review of the items on the Action Plan

6. HIPOG

Possible ideas included – a contribution to help develop the website; possible joint seminars on landscape character assessment or design statements (with LISW or the DC Officers group).

Ideas to be confirmed at the next meeting – in the meantime PJ to approach HIPOG with the ideas.

7. Future Maintenance and management of Trees.

Trevor Bradnam (HCC Arboricultural Officer) wants to clarify issues for adoption of trees within new developments and wanted to possibly come along to one of the meetings.

8. Treasurers Report

The HLGLG account has gained interest of £7.22 over the past year and now stands at £916.70.

9. AOB.

- **Benchmarking** - PJ asked whether it would be worth setting up a pro-forma for HLGLG members to fill in relevant information that might be useful in any future Best Value type exercise. Apparently something like this has been done before; PJ to try to source previous data.
- **HLGLG Article in Landscape Magazine** - A 3 page article was published in the November issue of Landscape – however, the editor had re-arranged some sections of the text.
- **SUDS seminar** – CIRIA are organising a series of seminars on SUDS in February and March. Given that SUDS systems are becoming increasingly prominent in developments, these seminars may be useful. Details available at www.ciria.org.uk
- **CDM Regulations** Amendments come into force in March 2007; apparently changes are minor and Paul Best had commented on the changes which can be seen on the LI website.
- **Checklist** – There has been a delay in the final production of the Landscape Checklist, due to illness. NW to follow up to see whether anyone else can finalise the document.
- **Play Strategies** – Play England are holding various seminars over the next few weeks. MW to forward the dates.

Next Meeting – Thursday 18th January 2007, Winchester

