



Thames Valley Health and Safety Group

The meeting place for Health & Safety Practitioners and everyone interested in health and safety at work - in the Thames Valley

Minutes of meeting held on 12/01/2010 2.00pm Jupiter suite 1, St Martin's Place, Slough

Present:

Andy Joseph-Green, Bob Beauchamp, David Heath, Andrew Price, Malcolm Sutcliffe, Mark Burton, Steve Marriott, Alan Songhurst.

Apologies:

Shameem Din, Andrew Panting, Andy Anderson, Bob Granata, Shanthi Kumar, Susan Brown, Bill Campbell.

Chair:

Bob Beauchamp, Andy Joseph-Green.

1. Introduction

Bob Beauchamp opened the meeting and informed the members present that he was handing over the position of chair to Andy Joseph-Green. A J-G then said that he was pleased to accept the position and was looking forward to the next few months.

2. Topic: Fire Risk Assessments and Fire Safety

Greg Boys, an ex fire officer, gave a very good talk about fire risk assessments and fire safety. It provoked a lot of discussion within the group. Topics covered included: How do I go about making an assessment, Training and Evacuation, Dealing with means of escape for the disabled, Implications of ice and snow on means of escape.

3. Group Business

A J-G informed the group that Andy Anderson was contacting the bank to make it possible for only one persons signature to be needed on cheques drawn on the groups bank account, this being either the chair or treasurer.

A J-G asked the group for any ideas for guest speakers and ideas for the group's annual visit. Ideas to be sent by email or presented at next months meeting.

A J-G informed the group that a committee is now in place and they will be holding committee meetings for the hour prior to the regular monthly meetings. The Committee currently consists of: Andy Joseph-Green (Chair), Andy Anderson (Treasurer), Shameem Din (Programme organiser), Bob Beauchamp and Andrew Panting.

A J-G informed the group that there is still a vacancy for a secretary. He requested that any one interested in this position, even if only temporary, should contact the committee or let them know at the next meeting.

A J-G informed the group that the committee are currently reviewing the group's constitution and that any changes should be approved by the committee at their next meeting. All members will be informed when this has happened and the new constitution will be put on the web site to replace the old one.

A J-G informed the group that the update on the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce by Andrew Panting will be postponed until next month.

4. AOB

A J-G told the group about Health & Safety 10, an exhibition at Sandown Park in February.

BB told the group that he had received a copy of the HSE magazine and one of their Myths calendars from Safety Groups UK and left them for anyone to take.

BB told the group about a company called Edenn Ltd, where he bought a copy of the building regs on disc. www.edenn.co.uk

5. Date & Time of Next Meeting

2.00pm, Tuesday 09/02/2010, Jupiter Suite 1, St Martin's Place, Slough.