

The Twentieth Century Society - Southern Regional Group Report to Regional Committee April 2017

A copy of the AGM Minutes are below.

Our first event of 2017 was held on March 19th when 19 people attended a walk round Poole and visit to St George Church Oakdale and Landfall (Oliver Hill). Attendance at events hovers around 15-20. Feedback was good.

Our second event was on April 28th and was a morning walking tour of Salisbury followed by an afternoon visit to Messums and Ansty Plum near Tisbury. 24 people attended this event including a party from the South West Group and guests from Salisbury Civic Society.

We have 2 further events planned for the year. Our original plans for a National Event have fallen through and we are struggling for a replacement at the moment.

All event advertising and reports appear on the National website. We also have Twitter and Facebook but these aren't greatly used.

Casework: Since our visit to Landfall, the Society Casework Committee has been asked to support a listing upgrade proposal.

Pauline Mousley
Chair
Southern Region

AGM - November 12th 2016 at United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Pauline Mousley, Bobbie Dawson, Basil Fowler, Alan Banks, Norman Boakes, Catherine Davey, Jane James, Caroline Martin, Pam Newick, Clare Poupart, Ruth Povey, Judy Rake, David Sawers, Terry Scragg, Diane Smith, Richard Tamplin, Colin Thompson, Paul Underhill, Stella Underhill.

Apologies: Clare Dales, Mike Henderson, Fiona Rosen, Peter Bird

1. Appointment of Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Members were asked if anyone wanted to stand for the above positions. (There having been no response to email request before meeting). As no names were forthcoming Norman proposed that the 4 current members to be elected for the next year. This was seconded and unanimously accepted by the meeting attendees.

2. Review of year's events and thanks organisers

Pauline said the year's events had been very successful and thanked the organisers: Bournemouth - Bobbie and Ruth, Hove - Catherine and Alan, Portsmouth - Adam, and Dorchester -Mike.

3. Membership

Membership currently standing at about 50 members (i.e. those on email list) with approx 15-20 attending events. Thought may have to be given to how many can attend an event in the future.

4. Finance

Treasurer's report, issued by Basil, stressed that the group is run on a cash basis. There is currently a balance of £277 to cover expenses, such as payment for halls, speakers etc. The aim is to have a float to cover expenses with anything above allocated to Head Office as fundraising for the Society. The meeting agreed a float of £300. A £5 charge has been introduced for each event (over and above any other expenses e.g. admission charge) with a £10 charge for non-members should space be available.

5. Casework

Not a lot of involvement to date. Richard, Casework Secretary for the Society advised that as to the buildings at Southampton University the Case Committee of the Society would want an analysis building by building to compare with those at Sussex University. This will be picked up next year.

Fawley Power Station has been sold as decommissioned land with plan to build 1000 houses. Historic England turned it down for listing and there is a Certificate of Immunity - so cannot apply for listing again until 2018. Richard & Colin believe the Power station is listable in its own right. Have now submitted a formal objection to the New Forest District Council Local Plan with the hope of converting some of the buildings to apartments but retaining some of the architecture especially the chimney and Control Room. Head Office is supporting us on this issue.

Basil suggested the usefulness of 3-dimensional virtual reality presentation of buildings as a fallback position. This would at least be a permanent record.

Pauline stressed that Head Office see Regional Groups as the eyes and ears of the Society for buildings at risk. Please let us know anything you have concerns about.

6. Use of Social Media

Pauline talked about the use of Twitter to learn about buildings of interest with Adam being the regular tweeter for Southern Region. @C20Southern

Bobbie has also set up a Facebook section for the Group. Photos can be uploaded from events and also any buildings (not just local) the members have seen that may be of interest to others.

7. Events for 2017

a. Dates

It was suggested we continued with events every other month where possible. Some flexibility re actual dates (originally we had established 2nd weekend in month) March, May, July, September, November(inc.AGM) were set as event months.

B. Talks

Some discussion about whether these should be shared with other regional groups or more local.

C. Suggested events

Owen Hatherley event postponed from August 2016 to be rearranged for 2017. (After meeting Diane offered to follow up.)

Bobbie and Ruth hope to do Poole event in March (probably 18th). Pauline, Bobbie and David to investigate Worthing. Adam has offered to do Gosport and Lee on the Solent (after meeting Adam advised he is no longer able to run this) and Bognor was mentioned.

Events will be finalised in due course and information will be emailed and also be on Regional website.

Members were encouraged to consider running an event in the future and support will always be available from the Committee.

Mike is interested in organising an event in Lille possibly in May but members would need to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. Details to be advised.

Terry suggested Le Touquet as a possible venue.

8. National Event for fundraising

We are currently trying to organise a visit to Anstey Plum, Wiltshire(shortlisted for House of the Year). This may take place in early May.

9. Extending Membership/Developing links with other Organisations

Pauline stressed benefits of developing links with other organisations: U3A, Civic Societies, etc. Basil mentioned City of Southampton Society, David Worthing Society.

10. Advertising/ Cards

Clare investigating. 100 cards approx £50. (Basil later suggested he could do some printing for us). It was agreed by the meeting that funds could be spent on producing cards,

11. AOB

Meeting had overrun and needed to finish a bit abruptly. Members asked to put forward any suggestions, volunteer for events and keep watch on the C20 Society website Regional section for updates.

12. Next AGM

November 2017