Lifts Group

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Committee held at 4.00 p.m., at Southampton Room, Adam House, Fitzroy Street on 21st February 2002

PRESENT
Mr S Aitken, Dunbar & Boardman
Dr L Al-Sharif, London, WSP Group
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, Gina Barney Associates
Mr J Bashford, JBA (Chairman)
Mr I Buckingham, Elevation
Mr J Carroll, Arup (Secretary)
Mr D Cooper, LECS
Mr R Coote, Crown Lifts
Mr W Godwin, WSP Group
Mr J Herbert, McBains Cooper
Mr M Jenkins, Citex Group
Mr P Jones, P.J. Lift Consultancy
Mr S Parry, Zurich Engineering
Mrs A Rothery, Arup
Mrs M Sansom, Watkins Payne Partnership
Mr V Sharpe, Allianz Cornhill Engineering
Mr R H Smith, ILECS Ltd.
Mr J Snowball, S.M.A.
Mr P Stillwell, ILECS Ltd.
Mr D Warr, Titan Elevators

APOLOGIES
Mr D Crofts, Pickering Lifts Europe Ltd
Mr R Howkins, Arup

FORTHCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE
Evening meeting – 15th May 2002, 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Maintenance instructions for lifts and escalators (BS EN13015)
Venue: Room 4/4A Western Building, Umist, Manchester

Evening meeting - 26th June 2002, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people
Venue: Duxford Room, Asta House (Arup), 55/65 Whitfield Street, London W1

Annual Seminar – 14th November 2002, 2:00pm – 5:00pm BS ISO4190-1/2: 2002 (BS 5655 : Part 5) Dimensions of standard lift arrangements” and BS 5655: Part 6: 2002 “Selection and installation of new Lifts”
DISTRIBUTION
Mr S W Aitken, Dunbar and Boardman
Dr L Al-Sharif, WSP
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, GCB Associates
Mr J H Bashford, J Bashford & Associates
Mr P Beresford, Stannah
Mr I Buckingham, Elevation
Mr T Burrell, The Royal Household
Mr K Butcher, CIBSE
Mr J Carroll, Ove Arup & Partners
Mr Childs, Allianz Cornhill
Mr R Chitty, Oakland Elevators
Mr D A Cooper, Lecs (UK) Ltd
Mr D Crofts, Pickering Lifts Europe Ltd
Mr D. Daniels, ILE Manufacturing
Mr J David, CIBSE
Eur Ing P H Day
Mr J Disney, LITS
Mr J Gale, Elevator World
Mr D Gentle
Mr M Goddard, ILE
Mr W Godwin, WSP
Mr J Gorin, Specialist Lifts
Mr John Herbert, McBains Cooper
Mr J Hester, Selecta
Mr P Hills, Allianz Cornhill Engineering
Mr C Howard
Mr R Howkins, Arup Research & Development
Mr M Jenkins, Citex Group
Mr A Johncock, Arup, Melbourne
Mr P Jones, PJ Lift Consultancy
Mr M Kelleher, Schindler

Mr M Last, DSSR
Mr T S T Lee
Mr C Lewis, ILS
Mr B Macedo, Serco Service
Mr S. Mitchell, Landmark Lifts
Mr G Moore, Schindler
Mr R Moss
Mr D Munro, Metropolitan Police
Mr M. Nowakowski, CIBSE
Mr W Orr, LITS
Mr S Parry, Zurich Engineering
Ms J Patel, Otis plc
Dr R Peters, Peters Research Ltd
Mrs A Rothery, Arup
Mr N Sandamas, Zurich
Mrs M Sansom, WPP
Mr A Saville, AGS Consulting
Mr V Sharpe, Allianz Cornhill Engineering
Mr D Smith, Otis Plc
Mr J Snowball, Steven Morrison Assocs Ltd
Mr T Sherwood
Mr R H Smith, ILECS
Dr A So, City University of Hong Kong
Mr P Stillwell, ILECS
Mr A C Taylor, Westminster City Council
Mr S Thomas, Apex
Mr J. Vass, Dunbar and Boardman
Mr D Warr, Titan Elevators
Mr D Wood, Stannah
MINUTES

1.  Welcome
John Bashford welcomed all present.

2.  Election of Officers
John Bashford advised that Peter Day had decided to stand down as Vice Chairman but would still like to be kept informed of group matters.

On behalf of the Lifts Group we would like to extend our thanks to Peter for his work in the past, particularly for his involvement in the Revisions to CIBSE Guide D.

Due to the fact the group has run for a number of years with no funding, or need for funds we have not had an appointed Treasurer. After the success of the recent road shows and seminar events it was agreed that this situation would be reviewed following upcoming events and that in the mean time Gina Barney will continue to make the arrangements for these events and submit a financial statement on an event by event basis.

A new nomination for the vacant post of Vice Chairman was received for Dr Lutfi Al-Sharif and in the absence of any nominees for the other posts the following officers were elected.

Chairman                John Bashford
Vice Chairman            Dr Lutfi Al-Sharif
Secretary                John Carroll
Member secretary         Gina Barney
Codes and standards representative John Snowball

In Richard Peters’ absence the web site was not discussed but it is anticipated that Richard will continue to provide assistance in keeping the web site updated. JC to contact Richard and confirm arrangements.

3.  Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without alteration.

4.  Matters Arising
None that are not included on the agenda for this meeting.

5.  Standards and regulations
5.1
Gina Barney gave a comprehensive overview of the upcoming issues and revisions to BS and European codes and standards, which stimulated healthy discussion. A summary of the major issues is appended to these minutes.
5.2
Additionally the following was noted;

5.2.1
It was confirmed the revised edition of BS5655 Part 6 has been finally edited and is due to go to print in Mid 2002.

5.2.2
It was confirmed that there are plans for a planning and design guide for Escalators similar to BS 5655 Part 5 for Lifts.

5.2.3
There is a new numbering system being introduced for EN81, which will mean changes and possible confusion in standard references.

5.2.4
A revised edition of EN115 (Escalators) is now expected in 2004. (Delayed from 2003)

5.2.5
EN81-21 (New lifts in Existing buildings) is expected to go to final vote in June 2002.

5.2.6
EN81-70 (Rules for accessibility) is expected to go to final vote in June 2002.

6. **Seminars, Presentations and Workshops**

6.1
The BS7255 CIBSE held in London was well attended and Gina Barney advised that 49 people had applied for the forthcoming event to be held in Manchester on 6th March. As well as direct mail shots, this event has also been publicised in the current edition of Elevation Magazine and the publicity is creating an excellent response.

6.2
It was reported that a request had been received from a Northern Contractor to host a similar event to the evening forum on BS EN13015 with a suggestion that there may be sufficient interest to form a Northern Region for the CIBSE Lifts Group.

Historically CIBSE events outside of London had tended to run at a loss however there are signs that with good publicity and direct mail shots sufficient interest can be raised to make events viable for the Lifts Group and it was generally agreed that further consideration should be given to perhaps holding meetings with presentations or workshops at various locations to draw in local / regional interest.
6.3
Subjects for future seminars or workshops were discussed with the following under consideration;

6.3.1 Building Access for the handicapped.

With the recent issue of BS8300 (Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people) a discussion took place regarding the needs of disabled persons and Reg Coote in particular provided clear insight into some problems created by perhaps well meaning but maybe not well thought out interpretations in current codes and standards and the application of access arrangements for physically impaired person.

It was agreed this would be an excellent topic for a future presentation or debate.

Reg Coote offered to check for the availability of a room and suitable facilities at the Aspire National Training Centre, which is a Leisure Complex that has been designed and built with fully integrated facilities for the disabled.

Reg also offered to talk at such an event.

Post meeting note: A suitable room is not available at Aspire, but if anyone is interested in viewing the complex please contact Reg Coote direct on 020 8776608.

6.3.2 BS5655 Part 6 and BS5655 Part 5 / BS ISO 4190-1/2
Workshops on the same lines as the recent BS7255 and EN81 events are being considered for some time after the publication of the revised documents.

7. CIBSE Lift Group in Hong Kong
7.1
Dr Albert So has provided a report (produced by John Inglis of IAEE) following a recent 5-day visit by a group of 26 participants from various lift companies, to a number of factories in China that was supported by the CIBSE Hong Kong Branch.

Copies of the report are appended to these minutes for review, which portray a well-received and very informative trip, taking in the Eastern Chinese factories of Hitachi, Schindler and Otis along with a number of training establishments.
7.2 Publications in Hong Kong
Gina Barney advised that some illustrations from the CIBSE Guide D and words from a book written by Gina herself had been used in recent publications in Hong Kong without any form of acknowledgment.

Gina Barney is taking this up via CIBSE HK and will advise.  

JC to check with CIBSE UK to establish if permission was sought to use the illustrations.  

8. CIBSE Guide D
8.1 Current status
The revised Guide D has currently sold 484 copies with approximately 500 remaining from the initial print run.

It was agreed that the price of £80.00 for non-members was restrictive and disappointment was expressed at the lack of flexibility afforded in trying to sell Guide D by offering reductions to Students / Graduates etc.

The possibility of producing a cheaper Student Edition in Perfect Bond was suggested, which could be particularly relevant given the expected 5 year life of the current edition before the next revision is intended to be issued.

8.2 Future Revision
The next edition is due to be published in 2005 and work is expected to commence in 2003/4.

9. Any Other Business
9.1 British Lift Awards
Ish Buckingham advised the next awards would take place on 20th September 2002 at the Café Royale in London.

The Lifts Group have volunteered to sponsor an award for an individual which it was agreed would be known as;

“CIBSE Lifts Group Professional of the Year”.

The award will go to an individual who in the judges’ opinion has acted or performed above and beyond normal expectations in promoting or furthering the Lift Industry in the UK. It is intended that this award will relate to anything that raises the profile of the industry and is not intended to reflect a single technical or personal achievement in the way that the Apprentice of the Year Award is made.

It was agreed that in common with all other awards, nominations would go direct to Elevation and would only be seen by the judges.
9.2  BSI Interpretations
Ish Buckingham advised that following an article printed in Elevation magazine discussions had taken place with BSI regarding the timely publication of Interpretations to EN81, which are often published in other member countries before they are in the UK. It is thought that in future they will be published in 3 or 12 monthly intervals with ratified interpretation being made available on the BSI website.

10.  Next meeting
Refer to the forthcoming events schedule on the front page.

11  Evening Presentation
Gina Barney opened the evening session with an overview of the recently published standard BS EN13015, Maintenance on Lifts and Escalators – Rules for Maintenance” this was followed by contributions by Reg Coote of Crown Lifts on behalf of the Contractors and myself, John Carroll on behalf of the Consultants.

A lively debate followed raising a series of questions, some of which were answered, others were perhaps a little more open to interpretation but overall the consensus was that it was a useful and informative evening.

The event was very well supported for a cool February evening and my thanks go out to all who were able to attend and who hopefully spent an enjoyable couple of hours with the Group.

Particular thanks and appreciation to Reg Coote who stood in at the last minute and did a tremendous job and of course to Gina Barney for her, as ever, entertaining and informative presentation.

A list of attendees is appended to the minutes.
# CIBSE Lifts Group Evening Seminar – 21 February 2002

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