Lifts Group
Notes of Meeting of Lifts Group Committee Officers held at CIBSE HQ, Balham, London on Monday 2nd October 2006 at 1230hrs.

PRESENT
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, (Events Secretary)
Ms A Rothery, (Treasurer)
Mr S Russett, (Chairman)
Dr R Peters (Website)
Mr J Snowball, (Codes and Standards Representative)
Mr A Scott, (Secretary)
Mr M Bottomley

APOLOGIES
Mr J Carroll
Mr J Bashford

DISTRIBUTION
Those present plus;

Mr J Carroll
Mr J Bashford
Mr K Butcher (CIBSE)
Ms J Balian (CIBSE)
Ms S McDonough (CIBSE – Director of Policy & Groups)
MINUTES
1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Simon Russett opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

Apologies were received and noted from:

Mr J Snowball
Mr J Carroll

2.0 Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were accepted as read. Previously noted actions are updated as follows:

(5.0) GB has distributed promotional flyer. SR

SR has written to LEIA as agreed and awaits a response. A further copy of the letter will be sent chasing a reply. SR

(8.0) AS

β New Roger Preston & Partners case study to be forwarded to Richard Peters for posting on the website. AS

β New article on Double-Deck lifts to be forwarded to Richard Peters for posting on the website. SR

β Details of Dr Barney’s CIBSE Conference “Low Carbon Lift” podcast link to be forwarded to Richard Peters for posting on the website. GB

β AS’ article from last year to be forwarded to Richard Peters for posting on the website. AS

3.0 Matters Arising

Attendance at the recent CIBSE “Green Lifts” day was noted at around 20 persons.

The CIBSE Lifts Group sponsored bursary has been advertised in Elevation magazine.
4.0 Standards & Regulations

Dr Gina Barney gave an overview of the status of current codes and standards as summarised below:


*prEN81-40/41*  Awaiting documents.

*prEN81-21*  Awaiting documents.

*prEN115*  Out for vote in December 2006.

*BS EN81-73*  Note this standard is now harmonized.

*PAS 32-1/2*  GB to speak with Ian Jones regarding the out for comment status of PAS 32-1/2.

A brief discussion was had on the potential ramifications for the UK Lift Industry of *EN81-21*. The UK is currently one of four countries that severely restricts (through the DTI) the trade in ‘reduced headroom and pit depth’ lifts and this may be viewed as going against the intent of harmonized standards to facilitate the free trade of safe products.

AS recommended the following websites where the harmonized status or otherwise of lift codes and standards may be viewed:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/mechan_equipment/lifts/stand.htm


GB has written to BSi & CIBSE supporting the recent initiative proposing a National Committee reviews the need for a new British Standard relating to auto dialler functionality and software protocols. BSi has now met and a British Standard is under development.

5.0 Meetings / Seminars / Presentations

To date this year 4 affiliates have joined CIBSE through the Lifts Group.

The Annual Seminar is to be held in Manchester on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2006.

Attendance for this year’s Annual Seminar in London was expected to be in the region of 70 persons.
Next year’s Annual General Meeting is to be on Wednesday 7th February 2007 and will be followed by an evening meeting.

(Post Meeting Note – AS notes there are now 120 Lifts Group members registered through the website.)

6.0 CIBSE Lift Group Hong Kong

No report received. AS will endeavour to re-establish contact. AS

7.0 Any Other Business

Discussion is now ongoing with CIBSE regarding the possibility of having a specific month with a lifts focus in BSJ.

Nominations are open for next year’s Executive Committee appointments. Further to an invitation from SR & GB, AS has confirmed his wish to stand for the position of Chairman when SR steps down in February 2007.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged.