

Lifts Group

Notes of Meeting of Lifts Group Committee Officers held at CIBSE HQ, Balham, London (Meeting room B) on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 16.00hrs.

PRESENT

Mr M Bottomley, (*Chairman*)
Ms A Rothery, (*Treasurer*)
Mr J Bashford, (*Exhibitions*)
Dr Peters (*WebSite*)
Mr S Hobson, (*Secretary*)



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APOLOGIES

Mr D Cooper, (*Lift Academy*)
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, (*Events Secretary*)
Mr A Scott, (*Codes and Standards Representative*)
Mr L Hutt, (*Vice Chairman*)

DISTRIBUTION

Those present plus;

Dr K Butcher (CIBSE)
Ms J Balian (CIBSE)
Nyree Hughes (*CIBSE – Manager for Regions, Group & Societies*)
N Golledge (*CIBSE Journal Publications co-ordinator*)

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened by Michael Bottomley, apologies were received from Dave Cooper, Gina Barney and Adam Scott had called to confirm they had been delayed due to an overrunning MHE4 committee meeting.

2.0 Previous Minutes

The previous committee and AGM meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as read.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Election of Officers

Michael Bottomley advised Lionel Hutt had tendered his resigned from the group committee due to outside work commitments. Therefore there is now a vacancy for post of Vice Chairman. The committee agreed to propose that Richard Peters take over the role of Secretary and Steve Hobson Vice Chairman and this was agreed to be proposed and put to a vote at the following AGM.

3.1 Liaison with CIBSE Heritage Group

Progress of ongoing surveys on behalf of the Heritage Group's buildings is required to be actioned, as the reports are to be forwarded to David Cooper upon completion. Feedback that all surveys have been undertaken is to be obtained Steve Hobson will seek clarification form Dave Cooper.

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3.2 CIBSE Student Handbook

AS spoken with CIBSE and they advised Claire Rushden has now left the business and her role is now being filled by Nicolas Pake. Nicolas advised that the student handbook publication is no longer being produced though he would bear the Lifts Group in mind for input into future "general" publications.

3.3 CIBSE Journal

The Group noted the continuing lack of vertical transportation related articles in the CIBSE Journal. All members of the Lifts Group are encouraged to propose articles for inclusion in the Journal. Guide D launch to be proposed to Editor, particularly in light of the attendance of the President, Rob Manning.

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3.3 CIBSE Journal (cont-d.)

AS has e-mailed Bob Cervi and Nicola Hurley at CIBSE Journal. Nicola advised they featured the new Guide D in a small article in October's issue and would not normally carry a further feature on a launch. AS then explained the wish of the Lifts Group to promote vertical transportation within the Journal. Nicola advised they were always keen to consider ideas for articles and features. She recommended conceptual ideas are put forward in the first instance for review.

3.4 Lift Academy

No information to report.

4.0 Standards & Regulations

AS reported post meeting the key issues from the MHE4 meeting of 9th February 2011 which he attended in his capacity as elected BSi Codes and Standards Representative for the CIBSE Lifts Group.

National Matters

BS 5655-6 Code of practice for selection, installation and location of new lifts.

Currently under revision due for public comment mid 2011.

BS 5655-9 Specification for guide rails.

Members should note this standard should have been withdrawn many years ago as it is superseded by Annex G of BS EN81-1/2 and ISO 7465.

BSi will formally withdraw BS5655-9 and will issue ISO 7465 as BS ISO 7465.

BS 5900 Specification for powered domestic lifts with partially enclosed cars and no lift-well enclosures.

Revised stairlift British Standard currently resolving final few issues and due for issue as Draft for Public Comment imminently.

BS 6440 Powered lifting platforms with non-enclosed hoistways.

Revised standard now out in Draft for Public Comment. Note this British Standard covers non-enclosed lifting platforms; fully enclosed lifting platforms are now covered by BS EN81-41 (see European Matters).

4.0 Standards & Regulations (cont-d.)

Note that until the formal publication of this revised BS 6440, the current BS 6440 is in conflict with the new BS EN81-41. This will be addressed by BSi changing the status of the current BS 6440 to “partially superseded”. Until the publication of the revised BS 6440, guidance for enclosed lifting platforms should be sought from BS EN81-41 and for non-enclosed lifting platforms from the current BS 6440.

BS 7255 Safe Working on Lifts

Currently under revision due for public comment end 2011. This document’s scope will not include lifting platforms.

MHE4 committee voted for a new work item to be approved by BSi for safe working on lifting platforms and possibly other associated types of equipment.

BS 7801 Safe working on escalators and moving walks.

Released as Draft for Public Comment.

BS 8486-1/2 Examination and test of new lifts before putting into service.

Revised to incorporate new EN81-1/2 A3 amendment. Approved by committee vote for publication. Should be available within 3 months.

BS EN81-1/2 A3

Note formal extension of implementation date to 1st January 2012. This extension will be communicated more formally in due course by approved bodies.

European Matters

DD CEN/TS81-11 Interpretations related to EN81 family of standards

Members attention is drawn to this useful document which collates formal interpretations of EN81 standards. This Draft for Development (DD) is to be turned into an EN81-11 standard this year and will be available on a free access website hosted and maintained by AFNOR.

prEN115-4 Examination and test of new escalators before putting into service

The development of this standard has been overturned and work has stopped. This cessation is likely to initiate a national work item to revise BS 5656-2.

A new work item has now been initiated as prEN115-4 to provide an interpretation guide to the EN115 standards.

4.0 Standards & Regulations (cont-d.)

BS EN81-20 & BS EN81-50

These foundation documents will replace by BS EN81-1 & BS EN81-2. These major revisions will affect most aspects of the design and installation process of new lifts and will therefore be the most significant change in the last 20 years for the industry to adopt and manage. The new standards are likely to be issued for public comment in 2012 with an indicative final publication date of 2013.

BS ISO 18738-1

Measurement of ride quality. Part 1. Lifts (elevators). Approved for publication. Due within 3 months.

BS ISO 18738-2

Measurement of ride quality. Part 2. Escalators and moving walks. Approved for publication. Due within 3 months.

prEN 81-22

Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts. Lifts for transport of persons and goods. Part 22. Electric lifts with inclined path. Committee reviewing 300+ comments received.

prEN81-76

Evacuation of disabled persons using lifts. Now Draft for Public Comment. Important that the UK comments diligently; this document has the potential to replace BS 5588-5 and there is a risk of extremely disruptive conflict with BS 9999.

prEN81-82

Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts. Existing lifts. Improvement of the accessibility of existing lifts for persons including persons with disability. Previously published as a DD, this will now be converted into a standard.

5.0 Treasurers Report

Accounts for 2010 were provided by AR, a healthy positive balance is carried forward to 2011 of £ 4,109.18. A signed copy of groups accounts was provided for record purposes.

6.0	Meetings / Seminars / Presentations	
	Previously agreed to hold last years Guide D launch in Manchester on 23 rd March 2011. Further 2011 events and dates are to be agreed by the committee.	All
7.0	CIBSE Lift Group Hong Kong	
	No information to report.	
8.0	Any Other Business	
	• A discussion took place regarding a ‘Meet the Consultants’ event that a number of individuals had been approached to attend, it was concluded that this was an individual commercial enterprise. Richard Peters agreed to investigate the use of CIBSE Lift Group web site link and if this had been used without authorisation.	RP
	• Ongoing concern on previous raised issue over rising number of near miss incidents concerning lifts was again raised by Michael Bottomley. The group is to consider compiling and forwarding further correspondence to the trade press concerning the matter.	All
	• Steve Hobson has received a request from CIBSE membership administrator via Richard Peters concerning payment of a student annual membership fee for one person (Jake Elkins). Committee agreed that Dave Cooper would be contacted by Steve Hobson in order to clarify the arrangements and prior agreement for the group’s payment of this fee.	SH
9.0	Date of Next Meeting	
	To be confirmed.	