

28 March 2001

Lifts Group

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Committee held at 4.30 p.m., at Ove Arup & Partners on 8th March 2001



PRESENT

Mr J Bashford
Mr J Carroll, Arup Research & Development
(Secretary)
Eur Ing P H Day (Vice-Chairman)
Mr Peter Hills, Allianz Cornhill Engineering

Mr S Parry
Dr R Peters, Peters Research Ltd (Chairman)
Mr V Sharpe, Allianz Cornhill Engineering
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Mr R Howkins, Arup Research & Development
Mr T Lee,
Mr A Saville,
Mr J Snowball, Steven Morrison Associates Ltd.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

CIBSE Guide D Roadshow – Umist Manchester. 25th April 2001
Next Meeting 20th June 2001 at Ove Arup & Partners, Southampton Room 1 Fitzroy Sq. London. Meeting at 3.00pm followed by a short presentation at 4.30 pm. (Details to be advised)

DISTRIBUTION

Mr S W Aitken Dunbar and Boardman
Dr L Al-Sharif, London Underground Ltd
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, IAEE
Mr J H Bashford, J Bashford & Associates
Mr I Buckingham, Elevation
Mr T Burrell, The Royal Household
Mr K Butcher, CIBSE
Mr J Carroll, Ove Arup & Partners
Mr D A Cooper, Leics (UK) Ltd
Mr D Crofts, Pickering Lifts Europe Ltd
Mr D. Daniels, ILE Manufacturing
Mr J David, CIBSE
Eur Ing P H Day
Mr P Flaherty, Windercrest
Mr J Gale, Elevator World
Mr D Gentle
Mrs A Gibbins, CIBSE
Mr D Horsefield, Vector Technology

Mr C Howard
Mr R Howkins, Arup Research & Development
Mr P Jones
Mr T S T Lee,
Mr S. Mitchell, Landmark Lifts
Mr R Moss
Mr S Parry, Zurich
Ms J Patel, Otis plc
Mr R Patel, Windercrest
Dr R Peters, Peters Research Ltd
Mr N Sandamas
Mr V Sharpe, Commercial Union
Mr D Smith, Otis Plc
Mr J Snowball, Steven Morrison Assocs Ltd
Mr T Sherwood
Dr A So, City University of Hong Kong
Mr A C Taylor, Westminster City Council
Mr J. Vass, Dunbar and Boardman

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Richard Peters welcomed all present.

2. Election of Officers

2.1

Richard confirmed that after a number of years service to the group as both Secretary and Chairman, work commitments meant he was no longer able to stand as an officer.

Due to the lack of any direct financial affairs within the group, it was agreed to provide the New Chairman with any Treasury responsibilities and that a dedicated Treasurer would not be appointed.

Following the difficulties with administration that have been encountered recently, Gina Barney has offered to stand as a Member Secretary and this offer was accepted.

In the absence of any nominees for the other posts and following a proposal that John Bashford be appointed as Chairman the following officers were elected.

Chairman	John Bashford
Vice Chairman	Peter Day
Secretary	John Carroll
Member secretary	Gina Barney
Codes and standards representative	John Snowball

2.2

Richard has kindly offered to continue providing assistance with the Web-site and I would like to offer my personal thanks for the work he has put in prior to, and during my as yet short time. I sincerely hope that he is able to remain an active member of the group.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without alteration.

4. Matters Arising

Minute 5.1

The lack of publicity regarding the revised CIBSE Guide D in the Building Services Journal was again criticised. It was reported that just 2 short sections were published in the same edition and it is felt that a higher level of publicity is warranted and should be available through the Journal.

RP advised that editorial is available for publication based on CIBSE guide D but this was primarily of commercial interest and not strictly targeted at Guide D publicity.

It was felt that any such editorial could still be used and should be submitted to the journal with suitable references to Guide D which would help to raise the profile of the industry in general. JC to write to CIBSE with proposals for providing editorial from section authors that would be beneficial to the promotion of Guide D and the industry in general within the Building Services sector.

JC

5. Standards and regulations

5.1

RP reported that the parts of the draft revised BS5655 Part 6 relating to traffic analysis are inconsistent with the new Guide D. RP to discuss with John Snowball

5.2

The PM34 document was discussed again. No progress has yet been made with HSE and JB to follow up in his new role as Chairman with regard to a possible updated, replacement document.

RP provided JB with contact details at the HSE accordingly.

JB

5.3

A list of the other major issuances and activities is appended to the minutes.

6. Seminars

6.1

The CIBSE Guide D seminar is being presented in Manchester on 25th April 2001. Flyers have been circulated recently by CIBSE although there is no indication at this stage of the level of interest being. Following the success of the London seminar in December it is hoped the response will be equally good.

JB to check arrangements for students with Ken Leatherman.

JB

JB to approach Elevation (Ish Buckingham) to see if the event can be publicised in the magazine and or the Web-site.

JB

RP to update website to incorporate details.

RP

Consideration to be given to an announcement in Elenet, the internet mail service provided by Elevator World.

JC

7. CIBSE Lift Group in Hong Kong

7.1

RP reported that he visited Hong Kong in January and gave presentations to the HKIE, HK Branch of IAEE and the HK CIBSE Lifts Group. Each was well attended and there is clearly a thriving interest in the lift industry as might be expected given the high rise nature of the Island.

7.2

On the negative side a CIBSE Lift Group member reported to Richard that a copy of Guide D that had been ordered was taking an excessively long time to arrive. It was discussed as to whether, given the high interest in HK, it might not be beneficial to have a number of books available to the group to avoid long delays. JC to take up with CIBSE Publications

JC

8. Any Other Business

8.1 CIBSE Guide D comparison chart.

Peter Day submitted a copy of a comparison chart highlighting the major changes between the 1993 and the 2000 version of guide D. A copy is appended to the minutes and will be posted on the Web-site to enable potential purchasers to review the changes.

RP

8.2

The question was raised by one member as to whether a reduction in the seminar costs might be granted for attendees who have already purchased a copy of Guide D. It was agreed that since a copy was being provided within the cost this seemed plausible but that individuals should apply direct to CIBSE when booking a place at the seminar.

8.3 Celebrity Luncheon

The CIBSE (London and South East Regions) Celebrity Luncheon takes place on 24th April 2001 at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Anyone wishing to attend can obtain further details from the Secretary.

9.1 Presentation By David Horsefield of Vector Technolgy

Mr David Horsefield of Vector Technology gave an interesting presentation incorporating the Lift-Master CCTV system which uses laser technology to transmit video from or to a lift car for security or entertainment / informational purposes.

The system was demonstrated and proved to offer exceptional quality without the need for trailing flexes.

This enable fast installation times and Vector Technology advise cost savings in excess of 27 % over a conventionally wired installation.

Further details of the GEN 2 product are available directly from Vector Technology on ;

01495 320222 Telephone

or at www.vector-technology.co.uk

9.2 Presentation By Raj Patel of Windcrest.

Mr Raj Patel followed with a presentation on the well known Windcrest Auto-dialler unit. This was most informative highlighting a number of features that are available as standard but rarely used by purchasers of the equipment.

A healthy discussion took place regarding the features such as call cancelling, remote programming via phone, secondary call push in lieu of or as well as alarm

activation, all of which are supported by the standard unit.
Raj also explained that the units can be modified to suit customer requirements if particular requirements are needed.

In addition to the autodialler, the Windcrest Lift Alert system was described. This unit provides a cost effective monitoring device which in conjunction with the auto-dialler can summon remote assistance from the lift maintenance company in the event of a lift failure. This unit also features system verification to check the operational ability of the lift to eliminate false call outs.

Further details can be obtain from Raj Patel or Paul Flaherty of Windcrest on ;
020 87950333 (Telephone)
020 87950444 (Facsimile)
windcrest@aol.com (e-mail)

Both presentation were well received by the (disappointingly) small audience and generated interesting discussion.

Our thanks go to both David and Raj for taking the time to present their products to us.

10.0 Next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for June 20th 2001 at 3.00 pm with a short presentation at 4.30pm (Details to be confirmed.)

10.1 Internet Details

For members with internet access, the details of next meetings can be checked on line at <http://www.peters-research.com/CIBSE/Lifts.htm>. Up to date details of any presentations or seminars will also be posted on the Web along with membership details and an on line registration facility should anyone have colleagues or friends who wish to join.