

Lifts Group

Minutes of the Meeting of the Group Committee held at 4.00 p.m., at Haddon House, Fitzroy Street on 3rd February 2003

PRESENT

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 P Jones, P.J. Lift Consultancy
Mr S Parry, Zurich Engineering
Mrs A Rothery, Arup
Mr N Sandemas, Zurich Eng
Mr V Sharpe, Allianz Cornhill Engineering
Mr R H Smith, ILECS Ltd.
Mr J Snowball, S.M.A.



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APOLOGIES

Mr M Jenkins, Caxton Facilities Management
Mrs M Sansom, Watkins Payne Partnership
Dr. Richard Peters, Peters Research Ltd.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Evening presentation - 24th March 2003. 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Thorough examination and testing of lifts. Presentations by Deni Scafton (Plant Safety-Bureau Veritas) and Wayne Green (Lift Test) on the theory and practice of LG1 examinations.
Venue: Haddon House, 6 Fitzroy Street, London.
- Annual Seminar road show - 2nd April 2003. 1:00pm – 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”
Venue: CIBSE Conference Centre, Balham, London
- Annual Seminar – 12th November 2003. 11:00am – 5:00pm Annual seminar and Industry Showcase. Featuring a conference with presentations of a series of 30 minute papers and 5 minute Poster Sessions. Refer to the flyer for full details and information relating to a call for papers.
Venue: CIBSE Conference Centre, Balham, London.
- Annual General Meeting – 4th February 2004. 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Details to be confirmed.

DISTRIBUTION

Mr S W Aitken, Dunbar and Boardman
Dr L Al-Sharif, Al-Sharif Vertical Transportation Consultancy
Mr N Arnott, Stannah
Dr Eur Ing G C Barney, GCB Associates
Mr J H Bashford, J Bashford & Associates
Mrs T Bell, Thyssen Accessibility
Mr P Beresford, Stannah
Mr J Brace, Axsess4All
Mr I Buckingham, Elevation
Mr D Bull, Apex Lifts
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, Leacs (UK) Ltd
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Mr S Heaton, Foster Access Consultants
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 D Jones, Roger Preston and Associates
Mr P Jones, PJ Lift Consultancy
Mr M Kelleher, Schindler
Mr M Last, DSSR
Mr T S T Lee
Mr A Legg, Independent Access
Mr C Lewis, ILS
Mr T Lowe, Lift Consultancy Services
Mr B Macedo, Serco Service
Mr R McGlory, Thyssen Lifts and Escalators
Mr S Mitchell, Landmark Lifts
Mr G Moore, Schindler
Mr R Moss, Capita
Mr D Munro, Metropolitan Police
Mr M Nowakowski, CIBSE
Mr W Orr, LITS
S O'Sullivan, Platform Lift
Mr S Parry, Zurich Engineering
Ms J Patel, Otis plc
Dr R Peters, Peters Research Ltd
Mr L Power, Stannah
Mrs A Rothery, Arup
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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 N Sullivan, Thyssen Lifts and Escalator
Mr A C Taylor, Westminster City Council
Mr S Thomas, Apex
Mr K Turner, Zurich
Mr J Vass, Dunbar and Boardman
Mr D Warr, Titan Elevators
Mr S Williams, Foster Access Consultants
Mr D Wood, Stannah

MINUTES

1. Welcome

John Bashford welcomed all present.

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were received from

Mr M Jenkins	Caxton Facilities Management
Dr. Richard Peters	Peters Research Ltd.
Mrs M Sansom	Watkins Payne Partnership

2. Election of Officers

In the absence of any new nominees for the existing posts the following officers were re-elected.

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

*Dr Richard Peters was proposed and seconded in his absence following prior agreement to stand as Treasurer.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without alteration.

4. Matters Arising

4.1

Access to the CIBSE Website has not yet been granted to Lifts Group officers and Dr Richard Peters is continuing to offer access via the Peters-Research website. JC to pursue with CIBSE the necessary access.

4.2

Dr Gina Barney reported that the issues over plagiarism of CIBSE and Dr Gina Barneys' work by publications in Hong Kong have now been resolved and the necessary acknowledgements were now made.

5. Standards and regulations

5.1

John Snowball gave a summary of the MHE/4 activities which had consisted of 3 Advisory Panel meetings in July 02, November 02 and January 03 with a full meeting of the MHE/4 committee scheduled for 19th February 2003.

Details under consideration at present include;

AD-HOC: Travel height for lifting platforms

BS7801: Safe working on Escalators (SWOE)

BS 5656: Part 6 : Selection, installation and location of escalators.

Recent issuances;

BS 5655 Part 6 2002: C.O.P. for selection and installation of new lifts

BS ISO 4190-2 : 2002 which together with BS ISO 4190-1 : 1999 now replace

BS 5655 Part 5 – Standard Dimensions.

Issues

It was reported that MHE/4 committee have information relating to 63 interpretations offered in response to queries raised with EN81. These are not available publicly through BSI although it is reported that they have been published by Elevatori in Italy.

Ish Buckingham advised that following requests through the Lift Directory Web-site it may be possible to offer some information in response to such requests on the Web-Site accordingly.

5.2

David Cooper advised of the current situation with regard to PM34 and PM45 documents published by the HSE.

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Conflicting information is being provided by various bodies although it seems that whilst they have not been superceded they are both out of print and difficult to obtain.

Both documents are now very old and it is generally considered that replacement documents, perhaps in a dimilar format to the SAFed Lift Guidelines documents would be appropriate and are necessary.

It was suggested that CIBSE write to SAFed and HSE see of there are plans for a replacement document and if not to offer support in developing replacement documents.

6. Seminars, Presentations and Workshops

6.1

Gina Barney advised that CIBSE Lifts Group events continued to be well attended both in London and Manchester. A total of 273 people have attended 7 events arranged since February 2002 with a fairly even split between events hosted in London and Manchester.

6.2 Industry Showcase

This years Annual Seminar is being planned on a conference type format with an accompanying Industry Showcase. This is to provide an opportunity for the UK industry to display products and to offer a technical conference opportunity during a year when no LEIA or other National exhibition is planned.

A call for papers has been issued to fill 30-minute sessions with the opportunity for 5-minute poster sessions also being available. These papers may be on any vertical transportation related subject but should not be of a commercial nature.

6.3

Suggestions for future seminars or workshops are always welcomed and should be sent to Dr Gina Barney or John Carroll for consideration.

7. CIBSE Lift Group in Hong Kong

7.1 Report from Dr Albert So (Edited by JC)

Details weren't available at the time of the meeting but the following information has been provided by HK.

The Lift Group in Hong Kong supported the Asian Institute of Intelligent Buildings in organising the Local Symposium on Intelligent Systems, Structures & Facilities 2002 that was held in Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 12.12.2002. Two of the five papers presented at the symposium were related to elevator technology.

Mr. Tadashi Munakata, Toshiba Elevator & Building Systems Company, talked about the technical aspects of the fastest elevator in the world, which will be installed in Taipei and completed by 2004.

Mr. Patrick Sheen of Otis Elevator Company talked about their advanced dispatching system for intelligent buildings.

In 2003, A technical talk is planned during May where Dr Albert So will speak on the subject of super-high-speed elevators.

8. CIBSE Guide D

8.1 Format

It was noted that CIBSE have started using soft bindings for some publications and also that Guide D is available electronically on Technical Indexes and therefore future revisions should become more readily available to prospective purchasers.

8.2 Revision

It was noted that work on the next revision of the Guide D will need to commence shortly but it was agreed that the time required for the next revision would not be as long as the previous and that no action is required at present.

9. CIBSE Lifts Group Professional of the Year

The Lifts Group will again be sponsoring an award for an individual to be nominated 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.

Details of the event and nomination instructions are in the current edition of Elevation, but all Nominations (with a seconder) should be sent to Ish Buckingham at Elevation.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 British Lift Awards

Ish Buckingham advised the next awards would take place on Saturday 27th September 2003 at a new venue, The Royal Lancaster Hotel.

11. Next meeting

Refer to the forthcoming events schedule on the front page.

12 Evening Presentation

Presentation were made by Jerry Brace of Axess4All on platform lifts and by Tina Bell and M. Corniero of Thyssen Accessibility on stair lifts opening up some interesting debate on issues of compliance with legislation and the certification processes of this type of product (under the Machinery Directive) when compared with lifts which come under the Lifts Regulations.

Thanks as always go out to the presenters and also to all who were able to attend and who hopefully spent an enjoyable couple of hours with the Group on what once again a well-attended event.

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