

IChemE Teesside Branch Committee Meeting – online on 13th June 2022 Minutes

Present

Peter Dodd Adrian Northey Laurence Ashley

Apologies

Paul Dumain Ralph Grob Mark Wilson Joseph Fisher Molly Bell Faisal Mahmood

Neville Blackwell Stephen Pallant Sam Gooneratne Nick Howard

Distribution to Committee including Emily McFazdean, Peter Hunt, Dmytro Stratiychuk-Dear, Andrea Pearson, Paul Frank and Ginette Kontcho.

Minutes had been circulated.

Matters arising - none

Financial report. - Nothing to report.

Events review

There was an excellent talk on the preparation for Hazops on 9 June by Sarah Juliff of 6Engineering. There were 9 attendees. The timing was spot on and the talk was interactive with a good set of questions and answers. Sarah stayed on for the AGM, which followed. The AGM minutes are recorded on the presentation going out with these minutes. The committee was both thanked and re-elected, the only change being Dima who is now involved with a lot of travel. He resigned from his webmaster and comms roles but still wants to be included. He hopes to return at some point, depending on work.

We missed Sam. We first had to get into the Curve, work out how to use the screen and we did not have tea and coffee so there is no expenditure. Swings and roundabouts. (Hopefully Sam has had a good holiday.)

Everyone stayed behind for half an hour, sharing process industry information and humour. Getting back, face to face is good.

TU did not require a risk assessment for the meeting.

IChemE took a while to get the AGM and talk details out and the survey was not sent with the invitations. What do we do with the survey now?

Action Peter D

Events being planned.

 The talk by Chris Beck on Net Zero activities across the Tees Valley is fixed for Wednesday 20 July at TU. We have not had direct contact with Chris. Everything goes through the PAs. We are still waiting on a short abstract and biography, but



Peter will make something up, as soon as we have the room booked. Publicity needs to go out. Action Sam + Peter D

- Safety case study on Area Classification- Faisal Mahmood. Faisal wanted this to be face to face and give students the opportunity to attend so this is October. Avoid Wednesdays. Faisal to choose date, set title and write abstract and bio. Action Faisal
- Plastic recycling Ellis Marshall, Head of Recycling at TU has been contacted. Peter will get this set up, maybe for September/October .
 Action Peter D
- CF Sam has made contact and CF are happy to do a talk. They asked for topics, and we suggested carbon sequestration.
 Action Sam
- Mark Wilson has some contact with the Quorn business and will ask for a talk/visit.

Action Mark

• ABB happy to do talk in 2022. Subject is open.

- **Action Paul D**
- ChemEng 100 has now become ChemEng evolution. Paul Frank has agreed to talk on the evolution/history of Chem Eng. on Teesside area. He believes that this would be of interest to students too so post their return and before the centenary of the IChemE ends. End Sept to December

 Action Paul F
- The Committee has expressed interest on a talk based on route to chartership and chartered members who want to become fellows. This activity has been transferred to Olivia Callaghan. She has offered a talk for students and one for employed engineers. New graduates start back on 19 Sept so we should try for Thursday 22 September on Teesside.

 Action Peter D

Now that we are soon back meeting, we need a programme.

Action Both PDs/FM//NH/SG

Quiz. Date fixed for 15 November. Adrian plans to go big on the quiz this year and request company sponsorship of £500 for prizes. Persuasion for Adrian is needed for Adrian to continue to do what he does so well into 2023. **Action Adrian**

Annual Dinner The letter did not go out to previous supporting companies. Adrian will contact Molly. The date needs to be fixed by September for the next dinner in March 2023. As it's the IChemE Teesside committee centenary celebration next year, the committee thought it would be fitting to have an after-dinner speaker. Ben Houchen has been proposed, however can't always be guaranteed to attend the event, thus a secondary speaker may be useful.

Action Molly/Adrian

Schools and University liaison Sam was missing so no report.

We confirmed that IChemE would pay for tea and coffee so we need to sort his out.

Action Sam

AOB

- John Pritchard, IChemE CEO is leaving to go to the Institute of Mining, Materials and Mining.
- Middlesbrough College invested in a pilot plant to train technicians. It is believed that industry did not ask for much training and the pilot plant is idle. The National Horizons



Centre, part of TU was set up at Darlington to also provide training resources such as videos. We wondered what was happening to these local resources that seem underused.

We continued to discuss where new Chem Eng graduates were going because there
was still a good number graduating but they don't seem to be appearing in the process
industries.

Actions review

Neville's and other offers of doing talks at TU will roll over to the new academic year. This is really down to TU asking for speakers.

Action Sam

The programme for **Chem Eng Evolution**, the Centenary. There are 12 themes which have started but there are several still to be arranged and publicity is scant. Here is the link. http://www.chemengevolution.org/ We need to get information out to folk for this 100 year anniversary of IChemE celebration but this seems rather mute.

SharePoint from IChemE will soon start. There has been an email for training. SharePoint is in use for some IChemE activities. This will allow Peter/Joe to upload distribution list and meeting notes.

The event flowchart from Ralph will be placed on SharePoint when it is available along with the Event Organising Spreadsheet.

Action Peter D

Need to make positive contact with the Tyneside and Humberside branches.

Action Peter D

Brewery tour – useful for getting folk back together but these do not start until October.

Obtain details.

Action Peter D

Date of next committee meeting. Monday 11 July online at 5:30 pm

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