

**Hampshire and Isle of Wight  
Local Government Landscape Group**

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GROUP**

**Meeting on Thursday 23 March 2006  
Cathedral Room, Winchester City Council Offices, Colebrook Street,  
Winchester  
2pm Start**

**Paul Johnston - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council  
Julie Boschi – Havant Borough Council  
Viv Fyfield – Winchester City Council  
Tim Dwyer – Eastleigh Borough Council  
Catherine Harris – New Forest District Council  
Paul Best – Hampshire County Council**

Vicky Fletcher and Steph Carr from HCC attended for the Biodiversity talk only.

**Agenda**

The meeting started off with a presentation by Mike Bird (of BDBC) on his role as Biodiversity Officer along with an overview of statutory obligations relating to biodiversity within local authorities. The talk was very worthwhile and touched on various issues that members of the group are involved in. Mike said he could make his presentation available on email after the meeting.

**1. Apologies.**

Steven D'Este Hoare, Claire Collins, Mark Wilson, Mark, Ellison, Neil Williamson.

**2. Minutes of 19 January meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**3. Development Checklist Progress.**

HIPOG have had no further comments on the landscape checklist, although asked if we could let the DC Officers sub-group see the document. Responses are expected back from this group by 18 April. HIPOG have confirmed that £500 will be made available to help towards production costs.

Members of the group asked when the document would be ready for publication - Mark Ellison to confirm.

HIPOG also suggested whether the document should be put forward as a good example to the RTPI's Planning Award Scheme for 2006. PJ to investigate this.

#### **4. Landscape South-West Branch.**

Institute Update;-

There will be a roadshow at Guildhall, Winchester at 6.30 on 11 May to go through the radical changes to the Professional Practice Exam. As many as possible are encouraged to attend as it will affect qualified members as well as those taking the exam.

Neil is involved with a review into the membership structure of the Institute (grades etc) and would welcome any thoughts on this from the group.

#### **5. Landscape Journal – feature on LISW**

It was decided that it would be a good idea for the group to contribute to this feature. A discussion followed about possible topics – which could include, the landscape development checklist; a day in the life of a local government landscape architect; the Landscape Character Assessment; Individual projects; ROUA; the added value of a landscape officers input to the DC process.

The deadlines for submission of ideas is **4 September** and by this date we need to submit a brief outline of the articles along with a CD of hi-res images that can be used to illustrate the article. Note the images are VERY IMPORTANT as the quality of accompanying visual material will determine how the ideas are treated in the journal.

The Journal will then contact the group to discuss article and how long they will be. NOTE: practices are not expected to write articles, a journalist can be commissioned to work with their supplied information, however, most practices do like to write copy. Deadline for copy is **18 September**.

In order to progress this the group should come along to the 25 May meeting with all ideas to discuss (it would be helpful to email them to Paul J before the meeting) and decide on. A couple of volunteers will be asked to help co-ordinate this.

It was suggested that the September meeting is brought forward as a final 'editing' session.

**6. Current Work.**

**CH** – Design Guidance for developers is being produced

- National Park Authority Commences 1 April (landscape group remaining in situ)

**PB** – There has been a surge of interest in schools developing their grounds, which has added to the pressure of workload and he is trying to find ways of helping spend the money (has been to see groundwork).

- Working on a couple of schemes outside the County (schools in Wokingham and Reading)

**TD** – schemes as before

Working on Strategic Development Area between Eastleigh and Winchester.

**JB** – As before

**PJ**– As before

**VF** – Biodiversity Action Plan – draft out for consultation.

- Draft Tree Strategy – draft out for consultation.

- Silver Hill development in Winchester – lots of work on this, especially its impact on character.

- MDA towards Waterlooville – have been involved in the landscape issues of this, which have been well considered by the applicant.

**7. AOB.** - none

**8. Next Meeting – Gunwharf Keys 25 May (2pm). Meet at the entrance to the Spinnaker Tower. Further details to follow.**