

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

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GROUP**

**Minutes of meeting on Thursday 25 May 2006
Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth**

**Paul Johnston - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Mark Wilson – Hampshire County Council
Stephen D’este Hoare – East Hants District Council
Tim Dyer – Eastleigh Borough Council
Catherine Harris – New Forest District Council
Paul Best – Hampshire County Council**

The meeting started off with an informal walk around Gunwharf Quays, concentrating on the residential part of the development, looking at the various landscape treatments, the retention of historical artefacts and the level of maintenance provided by private management companies.

1. Apologies.

VF, ME, NW

2. Minutes of 23 March 2006 meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Development Checklist.

Funds have been received from HIPOG in order to assist printing costs. Mark Ellison anticipates that it will be ready for circulation sometime in July.

4. Landscape Institute/ South-West Branch.

PPE Roadshow in Winchester was well attended and an excellent introduction to the Pathway to Chartership, which replaces the PPE written exam in the autumn. A brief write-up will appear on the LISW website soon.

Dates for the diary.

16 June – Public Spaces Seminar, Harbour Lights, Southampton

24 June – Picnic and LISW AGM at Chodderton Farm (Family day out), contact Liz Ford on lisf@lisw.org.uk or 02392 711 970

6-9 July – Camping trip to Cornwall organised by SLIC (Student Landscape Institute Council) see advert in Vista or contact Helen on 0207 299 4507.

A fundamental review of the LI's membership grades and structures is under way, being chaired by Neil W, please post your views on the discussion forum on the LI website or contact NW direct.

All events will be publicised by email, anyone not yet receiving LISW branch emails please send contact details to ruthb@lisw.org.uk

Don't forget to vote in the Vice-Presidential elections if you haven't already done so!!

5. Landscape Journal .

A number of suggestions have been put forward for the article focussing on the work of the HLGLG;-

Overview of the HLGLG: uniqueness, what it provides: mentoring, professional sounding board, support, professional expertise, joint working and consistency of approach

Landscape Development checklist.

The Enabling role of Local Authorities

Variety of work undertaken – from Local Plan work, landscape assessment, strategies,(integrated character work, landscape sensitivity) development briefs, development control, through to design and implementation (home zones, schools work, environmental improvement schemes) on both urban and rural improvement schemes.

Volunteers sought to help out on the development of these themes into articles – Catherine H, Mark W and Tim D have volunteered so far. Will probably arrange a separate meeting (likely to be prior to next group meeting) to develop the articles and also may need to ask others for contributions, particularly images.

6. AOB.

Space Syntax – Mike T-K had suggested that we possibly look at getting Space Syntax to do a presentation to the group. Their work on the analysis of space and how it can affect design would be of interest to the group. This was considered to be a good idea, provided they could be persuaded to do a presentation free of charge. Paul J to follow up for a potential future meeting.

Architecture Week – 16 June talk on Public Open space, Inc Kathryn Moore and Will Allsop – Harbour Lights, Southampton

7. **Next Meeting** – the next meeting was due to be held at Havant to look around some of their new Liveability schemes, however progress was behind schedule and therefore this event will be held at a later date.

The next meeting will now be held at Eastleigh Borough Council offices on Thursday 20th July at 2pm. Terra Firma will be doing a presentation on some of the Homezone work they have been involved in at Portsmouth.