

MINUTES AND FINANCES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lithic Studies Society held on Friday 4th November 2016 at 12 noon at Franks House, 38–56 Orsman Road, London, N1 5QJ

1. **Attendees:** Olaf Bayer (OB), Claire Harris (CH), Rob Davis (RD), Ella Egberts (EE), Josie Mills (JM), Beccy Scott (BS), Andy Shaw (AS), Hazel Martingell (HM), Frank Beresford (FB), J Edwin Jarvis (JEJ), Jacky Sommerville (JS), Geoff Halliwell (GH) – *to note Katie Davenport-Mackey (KDM), Paul Preston (PP) and Wei Chu (WC) remotely attended a pre-meeting via Skype providing input and reports.*
2. **Apologies:** Rob Banbury (RB), Sam Griffiths (SG), Seosaimhin Bradley (SB), Peter Hoare (PH)
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Unanimously Approved
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Chair's report for the year 2015–16:**
 - A successful conference was held in May. Thank you to the committee who supported proceedings. The conference made a profit and the venue proved to be a cost-effective and viable location.
 - Butser was also very successful with high numbers of attendees.
 - A successful object handling and lecture event for students was held at Franks House.
 - We have made an effort to more effectively moderate our Facebook e.g. discouraging provenancing of finds.
 - We are very sad to announce that two of our founding members Alan Saville and Stephen Aldhouse-Green passed away this year.
 - Two Wymer bursaries were awarded to Frederick Foulds and Di Hu (reports included in issue).
 - The Jacobi bursary was awarded to Peter Hoare.
6. **Election of Officers and Committee:**
 - WC will be standing down this year and we thank him greatly for all the hard work that he has put in editing *Lithics*
7. **Committee Elections:**
 - Frederick Foulds is standing for Editor this is supported by WC and seconded by OB – Frederick was elected
 - Josie Mills is standing for Secretary this is supported by OB and CH – Josie was elected

- Rob Banbury will serve as Publicity Officer for a new term, as there were no other applicants, and he is happy to continue in the position, he is supported by OB and CH.

8. Treasurer's report for the year 2015–16:

- RD provided both this year and last year's accounts. The society remains in good health financially. We have more than £17,000 across our three accounts. We have made a small loss this year. That reflects the attitude we have taken as a committee as we are not focused on making profit.
- This year we have done a number of additional things for example offer two Wymer Bursaries, the student event, contributed to Immersed in Lithics (we supported the costs of having a key note speaker). We have also set up a new website for the journal. We have employed a web designer to produce that.
- Membership report: we are slightly down on subscriptions although we have had 42 members sign up this year. We have lost 15 members.
- A number of existing members who have gone into arrears. They have all been contacted. We have 431 members in total. 325 are fully up to date with subscriptions.
- We have sold 37 badges so far. At the moment we have made a slight loss but we will likely sell more.
- Travel expenses reflect our greater geographical spread which is a positive.
- We are in a strong position to continue expanding our activities.

9. Secretary's report for the year 2015–16:

- Good progress with updating members contact details to enable cheaper and easier mail outs.

10. Editor's report and publications for the year 2015–16:

- Good amount of articles. All going well.
- RB reported a good amount of email correspondence and that Butser went well and is scheduled to run again August 12th/13th 2017.

11. Events programme for 2016–2017:

- Idea for the next conference is to be based on raw materials, and the call for papers will be designed to represent our full membership. It will be planned for May/ June. Call for papers in the New Year.
- Frank Beresford suggests shared conferences e.g. if Kent Archaeological Society wanted to do this how did it work? OB is in support of this. We should give financial support to suitable conferences elsewhere in the country. Get in touch see what we can do about support.

12. Website news:

- Website is about to go through a re-design. It will emerge in a format where we can all edit it if we need to. We are paying an external web designer £500 to make the website. The same person who has made the journal website.
- The members' area will be removed. In previous years there has been a delay in publication and open-access. Increasingly with free access on the web we have closed the area.
- This will enable quick turn around

13. Any other business:

- The issue of *Lithics* remaining in paper format was raised. WC is keen on a digital only format however OB favours a paper copy. BS thinks that a paper copy it is a key benefit to membership. FB and JEJ agree that a hard copy is needed and that without it they would be less likely to renew membership. It is particularly important for those who do not use electronic devices.
- Overall OB is very keen for the journal to remain as a hard copy.

14. Date of next meeting: – Friday 3rd November 2017