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## Minutes of the CIWEM Annual General Meeting 2021

### Attendance

- Present: CIWEM Central Southern branch  
Anya Fisher (Chair), Katharine Dolman (Honorary Secretary), James Brindley (Honorary Treasurer), Alex Lane, Charlotte Metcalfe, Emma Everard, Jasmine Hope, Jed Ramsay.
- CIWEM HQ  
Barbara Woods
- Others  
Andrew Pepper, Konstantin Vasilyev, Tracy Haxton, Mike Tregent, Wesley Beaver
- Apologies: None.

### 1. Introduction, housekeeping and apologies (AF)

- Virtual AGM held on Zoom. Event was recorded.
- There are 4 vacancies on the committee if people are interested please contact Anya Fisher.
- No apologies

### 2. Minutes of previous AGM (16<sup>th</sup> December 2020) (AF) and matters arising

- Previous AGM Minutes are accessible on CIWEM Website and were sent out as part of the invitation for the AGM for reference purposes.
- No matters arising
- Approved by Anya Fisher
- Seconded by James Brindley
- No matters arising

### 3. Chair's report (AF)

Last year December 2020 to September 2021

Busiest branch of all the branches this year. The virtual lunchtime events have worked really well. We have covered a wide Range of topics. The meetings that we have had to postpone will be rearranged for the programme next year.

Annual seminar property flood resilience is on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with panel and discussion sessions. Register for the whole event once but don't need to attend all 3 days.

[12 - 14 October 2021 | Property Flood Resilience conference digital series 2021](#) | Free to attend

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<https://www.ciwem.org/events/ice-ciwem-yorkshire-and-humber-flooding-conference-2021-webinar>

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*Part of the CIWEM Flood Resilience digital series*

Next year will follow a similar approach with an event a month, with the majority of events likely to be virtual.

Summary of the events over the last year:

Organiser	Presenter	Title	Month
Anya (Chair)	Darren Lumbroso (HR Wallingford)	Enhancing resilience to coastal flooding from severe storms in the USA: Can lessons be learnt from Bangladesh and Cuba?	January
Darren Lumbroso (Past Chair)	Tom Benson (HR Wallingford)	The use of an agent-based model to represent the migratory behaviour of European eels	February
Darren Lumbroso (Past Chair)	Darren Lumbroso (HR Wallingford)	Novel methods to estimate the risks posed to people by floods	March
Emma Everard (Committee member)	Dr Steve Wade, (Atkins)	Climate change and drought risks in the South East	April
Charlotte Metclafe (Committee member)	Chris Patmore (WSP)	Design and Construction Guidance one year on - how the new replacement to Sewers for Adoption has fared since its introduction in April 2020	May
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#### 4. Treasurer's report (JB)

James Brindley

£134 expenditure last year and no income. £9788 in the CB Branch account so looking healthy.

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Branch Events and Activities		2020 rolling forecast	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021 rolling forecast
<b>Central Southern</b>															
	Income														
63500	Event Delegate Income														-
64150	Sundry Income														-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>															-
	Expenditure														
84020	Catering and Venue Hire	134													-
84150	Other Costs														-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>															-
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS DEFICIT</b>		-134													-

5. Honorary secretary's report (KD)  
Katharine Dolman

Update on the Central Southern Branch Demographics

Between July 2020 and June 2021 total number of Central Southern Branch members has gone up by 5 members and the branch now has 1095 members. The vast majority of these are UK based but the Branch also has 28 international members.

67% of the CSB membership is made up of men and 33% of the members of the branch are women. We have members across all the membership grades but half of the Branches members are Chartered Members. The Branch has a good representation of members across all age ranges but has less members in the 18 to 24 age bracket.

The Branch will use this data to identify potential areas for improvement

6. Report on CIWEM headquarters activities (BW)

Barbara Woods

Thank you to the CS branch committee for all the hard work and support of CIWEM throughout a challenging year.

Switching to the virtual world

In 2020 we switched to the virtual world, reaching out to a global audience, providing relevant and accessible events to our community working in the water and environment sector.

Record all virtual events where have permission of the speakers. This means that CIWEM are developing a large library of events and subjects.

Membership team

✦ Professional Review Interviews, PRI, went digital.

✦ CIWEM Early Career Network

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<https://www.ciwem.org/membership/early-careers>.

✦ CIWEM Mentor Platform

<https://www.ciwem.org/membership/mentoring>.

✦ Series of membership webinars which can be viewed on the CIWEM website | You Tube

<https://www.ciwem.org/membership/webinars>.

✦ Early Career survey launched.

CIWEM Awards 2020

✦ Young Environmentalist of the Year

<https://www.ciwem.org/awards/young-environmentalist-of-the-year>.

2020 Winner: Ariano Brotto

In as little as 4 years, Ariane has made an impressive impact and shown passion for creating a better environment through: investigating greenhouse gas emissions from wastewater treatments; co-leading an international task force on low carbon utilities; as well as providing mentoring for young women in STEAM; as well as providing thought leadership and advising students on environmental engineering and sanitation challenges through an innovation hub in Brazil and at Imperial College, London

✦ UK Junior Water Prize

<https://www.ciwem.org/awards/uk-junior-water-prize> .

2020 Winners: Sofia Wright and Joe Thompson

Two students from Liverpool Life Sciences UTC won for their “Hydro-Filtricity” project, which tackles plastic pollution and sustainable energy production. Designed to combat water pollution from household waste water.

✦ The Margetts Bursary

<https://www.ciwem.org/awards/the-jamie-margetts-bursary>.

2020 Winner: Jake Senior

A project which aims to develop a more robust approach for the modelling of natural flood management (NFM) measures, including leaky dams.

✦ UK Junior Water Prize

<https://www.ciwem.org/awards/uk-junior-water-prize> .

2021 Winner: Junghong Huh

Research which identified the most effective microorganism capable of purifying water and outlined a continuous purification system that would help remove pollutants from rivers.

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✦ The Environmental Photographer of the Year

<https://epoty.org/>.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, The Environmental Photographer of the Year, EPOTY, competition showcases the most inspirational environmental photography from around the world.

CIWEM Events 2021

✦ \* Let's talk WEM | Niki Roach, President of CIWEM | Podcast

<https://www.ciwem.org/news/lets-talk-wem>

Three main themes for our international digital series:

- ✦ Flood Resilience
- ✦ Climate Emergency Adaptation and Resilience
- ✦ Land and Water Management

In addition to these three main themes, the CIWEM branches and groups have hosted webinars on other themes including:

- ✦ Biodiversity
- ✦ COVID-19
- ✦ Early Careers
- ✦ Pollution
- ✦ Water Resources
- ✦ Water Treatment and Biosolids
- ✦ Well-being

2020

- ✦ 3 parts | CIWEM Land and Water Management digital series | May | June 2020
- ✦ Mainstreaming property flood resilience  
3 parts | CIWEM Flood Resilience | June 2020
- ✦ CIWEM COVID-19 & the water industry: organizational resilience for a green recovery
- ✦ CIWEM COVID-19 digital series | December 2020
- ✦ CIWEM Net Zero and the Water Industry
- ✦ CIWEM Climate Emergency Adaption and Resilience digital series | December 2020

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✦ Flood & Coast digital series  
2 webinars in 2020 | 2 webinars in 2021

✦ Everything is connected: CIWEM Presidential Induction 2020 |  
September 2020

✦ CIWEM Annual General Meeting 2020  
First ever virtual AGM. | September 2020

2021

✦ Climate change adaptation reporting best practice webinar

✦ Flood & Coast Conference and Expo 2021

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Upcoming ticketed Autumn events...

9 – 11 November 2021 | Urban Drainage Group Virtual Annual Conference and Expo 2021 | Prices TBA

<https://www.ciwem.org/events/urban-drainage-group-annual-conference-2021>

Hosted by CIWEM Urban Drainage Group

Registrations open now...

CIWEM Publications

2020

✦ Water and the Environment Journal transitioned to digital only publication providing a positive environmental impact

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/17476593>

✦ The Environment Magazine

Continued production throughout the pandemic lockdown

<https://www.ciwem.org/the-environment/>

✦ Journal of Flood Risk Management

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/1753318x>

CIWEM Learning and Development

2020

<https://www.ciwem.org/training/>

✦ Online instructor-led courses on:

✦ Environmental Economics

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- ✦ Fast Track to Chartership
- ✦ Collaborative Leadership (Mentor) Training
- ✦ Root Cause Analysis – Advanced Problem Solving

\* New online courses on Urban Wellbeing

## ✦ Property Flood Resilience

Further good news coming out of training is the confirmation of our successful bid to design and deliver Property Flood Resilience (PFR) training on behalf of the Environment Agency. In what has been described by the Defra procurement team as “their most complex ask in 20 years”, we were able to deliver a bid that scored an approval rating of 100 out of 100.

This was secured by the CIWEM bid team of Terry, Al and Darren, the impressive project partner list of RAB, Sedgwick, Property Care Association, National Flood Forum, CIRIA and The Environmental Design Studio and the excellent case studies we were able to draw down on from the other projects we have in play (e.g Water UK, STW Waste Water Manager Training).



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### 7. Election of officers by nomination and seconds

	2020-2021 outgoing committee	2021-2022 proposed committee
<b>Officers</b>		
Chair	Anya Fisher	Anya Fisher
Past chair	Darren Lumbroso	Darren Lumbroso
Honorary treasurer	James Brindley	James Brindley
Honorary secretary	Katharine Dolman	Katharine Dolman
New members group chair	N/A	N/A
<b>Non-Officer roles</b>		
Senior vice chair	Alex Lane	Alex Lane
Vice chair	Vacant	Jed Ramsay
Junior vice chair	Vacant	Vacant
Branch rep with trustees	Vacant	TBC
Ordinary committee member	Emma Everard	Emma Everard
Ordinary committee member	Alonso Navajo, Guillermo	Alonso Navajo, Guillermo
Ordinary committee member	Jasmine Hope	Jasmine Hope
Ordinary committee member	Louise Levins	Darren Lumbroso
Ordinary committee member	Charlotte Metcalf	Charlotte Metcalf
Ordinary committee member	Lewis Purbrick	Lewis Purbrick
Ordinary committee member	Vacant	Wesley Beaver
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- Only members of CIWEM can vote
- There are 4 vacancies on the committee at the moment. If anyone is interested in joining please contact any of the committee or Barbara Woods at CIWEM HQ
- Nominations
  - Wesley Beaver - Proposer Anya Fisher / seconder Alex Lane - No Objections
  - Voting on block for the Officer roles on the committee - Proposer Charlotte Metcalf / Secunder Jasmine Hope. No Objections
  - Voting on block for the Non-Officer roles on the committee Proposer Anya Fisher / Secunder Alex Lane. No Objections
- No votes against or anyone abstaining
- Thanks from Anya for the committee's hard work over the last year.

### 9. Any other business

None

### 10. Date of next meeting

September/ November 2022