

CIWEM South Eastern branch Annual General Meeting 2020

Friday, 11 December 2020 | 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Virtual event via Zoom

Minutes of the CIWEM South Eastern branch Annual General Meeting 2020

1. Attendance

Present: Neil Gunn (Chair), Jack Southon (Honorary Treasurer), Ben Tonkin (Honorary Secretary), Tak-Fan Chan (Senior Vice Chair), Claire Longhurst, Martin Lack, Stuart Rapson, Kathy Howard, Kirsty Thomas, Iain Phillips, Rami Kremesti.

Terry Fuller (CIWEM CEO), Barbara Woods (CIWEM Branch Liaison Officer).

Apologies: None.

2. Welcome and introduction

- Neil Gunn the outgoing chair of the CIWEM South Eastern branch thanked everyone for attending the AGM and set out the itinerary for the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous AGM

- Previous AGM Minutes were accessible during the meeting for reference purposes.

4. Matters arising since previous AGM

- There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. Chair's report (NG)

- Last year has some successful events both prior and post lockdown.
- Pre lockdown we had the Strawberry Farm site, and post lockdown we had the online webinar by the EA.

6. Honorary secretary's report (BT)

- Request for webinars to bolster South Eastern branch events calendar.

7. Treasurer's report (JS)

- As there was no income and no expenditure, the treasurer had nothing to report.

8. Report on CIWEM headquarters activities | Update from virtual CIWEM Saffron Hill

- Update from CIWEM CEO, Terry Fuller:
Onward journey in online communications, importance of branches to host webinar series, as CIWEM can offer a global reach to worldwide members.
- Update by CIWEM Branch Liaison Officer, Barbara Woods:
Thank you to the SE branch committee for all the hard work and support of CIWEM throughout a challenging year.

[Switching to the virtual world](#) | Reaching out to a global audience | Hybrid events and activities

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Connecting local | national | international through our digital series

CIWEM Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration

- Climate emergency COP26 (Glasgow, UK | November 2020 postponed until November 2021)
- Biodiversity (Ecological Emergency) COP15 (Kunming, China | October 2020 postponed until Q2 2021)

CIWEM main themes of digital series 2020 - 2021

- Flood resilience
- Climate emergency adaption and resilience
- Integrated Land and Water Management

Additional CIWEM themes

Other digital series themes hosted by CIWEM branches and groups as well as international | national CIWEM events include: COVID-19 digital series.

CIWEM would like to just take this opportunity to thank all the committee for your tireless work and support of CIWEM. It is very much appreciated, especially in this most challenging of years.

9. Committee nominations approval

Neil Gunn stood down as chair and was proposed and seconded as Past Chair

Tak-Fan Chan stood down as Senior Vice Chair and was proposed and seconded as Chair

Kirsty Thomas was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair

Martin Lack was proposed and seconded as an ordinary committee member

The table below shows the previous committee membership and the new proposed and approved committee:

	2019-20 outgoing	2020-21 proposed incoming
Officers		
Chair	Neil Gunn	Tak Fan Chan
Past Chair	N/A	Neil Gunn
Honorary treasurer	Jack Southon	Jack Southon
Honorary secretary	Ben Tonkin	Ben Tonkin
New Members Group Chair	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Non-Officer roles		
Senior Vice Chair	Tak Fan Chan	<i>Vacant</i>
Vice Chair	Sebastian Bures	Kirsty Thomas
Junior Vice Chair	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Branch rep with trustees	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Ordinary Committee Member	Ian Dennis	Ian Dennis
Ordinary Committee Member	Kathy Howard	Kathy Howard
Ordinary Committee Member	Michaela James	Michaela James
Ordinary Committee Member	Gavin Johnson	Gavin Johnson
Ordinary Committee Member	Claire Longhurst	Claire Longhurst
Ordinary Committee Member	Ian Mayor-Smith	Ian Mayor-Smith
Ordinary Committee Member	<i>Vacant</i>	Martin Lack
Ordinary Committee Member	Anne Winkel	Anne Wiltshire (nee Winkel)
Ordinary Committee Member	Stuart Rapson	Stuart Rapson
Ordinary Committee Member	Sebastian Bures	Sebastian Bures



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10. Any other business

- BW thanked the CIWEM South Eastern Committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

11. Meeting closed.