



Minutes of the 211th meeting of the organisation
Held on 25th January 2007
At One Queen Anne's Gate, London

07/01/01 **Kerry Ross, Chairman of Safety Groups UK welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

07/01/02 **Apologies**
(Attachment 1)

07/01/03 **Minutes of the last Meeting.**
The minutes of the Safety Groups UK meeting on 8th August 2006 held at RoSPA, Birmingham were agreed as an accurate record.

07/01/04 **David Eves CB, Vice President of Safety Groups UK addressed the meeting.**
Having been on the judging panel of the Alan Butler Awards 2006 he commented on the high standard of the entries.

07/01/05 **Report from Kerry Ross on the progress of Safety Groups UK**
Attachment 2 – Power Point Presentation, Kerry Ross

07/01/06 **Discussion**

▪ **Help and support for ailing Group**

In order to support and help ailing groups the reasons why they were struggling needed to be established.

Suggestions included: low membership numbers, lack of volunteers, lack of time/commitment from the Group's committee, lack of funds

Safety Groups UK were planning a Seminar to which ailing groups would be encouraged to attend and this would help pin-point the problems they were having and help could be focused on those areas.

Kerry Ross emphasised that the main aim of Safety Groups UK was to assist struggling groups and to set up groups in areas where there were currently none.

It was pointed out that in the past a need had been recognised for a group in the Mid – Anglia region, the Mid-Anglia Environment Safety & Health Group was now a thriving Safety Group.

It also needed to be established what made a group successful and this information disseminated to help other groups.

- **SMEs**

Groups needed to attract SMEs.

Groups were in an ideal position to be a gateway for small businesses into Health and Safety.

It needed to be established what Groups could offer SMEs to encourage them to join, and Groups helped by Safety Groups UK to publicise and promote themselves to SMEs.

Groups needed to look at attracting smaller businesses, as this would help the sustainability of the Group.

It was pointed out that many successful Groups had large companies as members and it was these companies that made a group viable eg. through sponsorship or providing a venue.

It was suggested that Safety Groups UK looked at how it could help Groups with finding members (maybe local companies) in a position to give some support to the group.

It was said that for a group to be truly successful it must reach out to SMEs.

- **Alan Butler Awards**

Groups needed to be encouraged to compete for the Alan Butler Awards.

Although there had been a good number of entries for 2006 in all categories many groups still had not entered.

The profiles of the winning entries would be on the website so groups could learn from others' achievements.

Groups requested that all entries receive feedback from the judges.

- **Safety Groups UK partnerships**

The current and planned Safety Groups UK partnerships were applauded.

It was hoped that with Safety Groups UK working with these organisations at a National level groups would receive publicity and also have the opportunity to work with the organisations at a local /group level.

Although other groups commented that they had received a lot of help from the HSE and that this was an illustration that the link with the HSE was working it was also said that the HSE were still not always accessible to groups at a local level.

The HSE could help Groups with reaching out to SMEs.

There were a lot of health and safety organisations that could give help and support to Safety Groups UK and to Groups.

- **Safety Groups UK meetings**

It was requested that thought be given to starting Safety Groups UK meeting at 1.00pm to enable people to travel off-peak, this might enable more people to attend, and also for venues to be easily accessible by public transport to encourage environmentally friendly travel.

Kerry Ross concluded that it was clear where the organisation wanted to go and what it wanted to achieve but it still needed to be established how it got there.
Progress would be made in small steps.

07/01/07

Presentation from Rob Strange, IOSH

The six point plan – please see attachment 3

Presentation from Bud Hudspith, AMICUS

Attachment 4

Presentation from Louise Ward, EEF

Attachment 5

Presentation from Liz Snape, HSC

Safety Groups UK

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Present:

Chair: Kerry Ross, Chairman of Safety Groups UK

Warwick	Adams	Birmingham Health, Safety & Environment Association
Peter	Bennett	Wiltshire Occupational Safety & Health Association
Roger	Bibbings	RoSPA
David	Bryant	H&S Consultant
Roly	Buss	Suffolk & North Essex Occupational Safety Group
Andy	Chappell	Birmingham Health, Safety & Environment Association
Kevin	Connor	Teesside Safety Group
Neal	Davis	Peterborough & District Fire, Health & Safety Group
David	Eves	Vice – President of Safety Groups UK
Ed	Ferret	NEBOSH
Liz	Ferrier	London Health and Safety Group
Jim	Flynn	Coventry & Warwickshire Occupational Health & Safety Group
Roy	Foster	Thames Valley Health & Safety Group
Halie-Ann	Headley	Safety Health & Environment Forum (Scotland)
Charlotte	Henderson	RoSPA
Gordon	Hicks	London Health and Safety Group
Mark	Hoare	Birmingham Health, Safety & Environment Association
Bud	Hudspith	AMICUS
Chris	Jerman	Sheffield Occupational Health & Safety Association
Chris	Johns	Cardiff & South East Wales Occupational Health & Safety Group
Cameron	Jones	Hampshire Health & Safety Group
Stuart	Markey	Kent Health & Safety Group
Mike	McMahon	The Marches Health, Safety & Fire Group
Frank	Miller	Lancashire and North West Association
Marion	Murphy	London Health and Safety Group
Mike	Nixon	Manchester Occupational Health & Safety Group
Jim	Pow	Northern Ireland Safety Group
Karen	Pring	Cambridge Occupational Safety Group
Richard	Pring	Cambridge Occupational Safety Group
Ted	Roe	Gloucestershire Safety Group
Mike	Sagar	North West Association
Gary	Smith	Kent Health & Safety Group
Liz	Snape	HSC
Norman	Stevenson	Safety Health & Environment Forum (Scotland)
Rob	Strange	Chief Executive of IOSH
Charles	Tracey	North West Association of Health & Safety Group
Louise	Ward	EEF 'The Manufacturer's Organisation'

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Apologies

John Haddon	Peterborough & District Fire, Health & Safety Group
Bob Lentell	Wiltshire Occupational Safety & Health Association
Dave McGinigal	SCOS
Roger Monaghan	HSE
Bob Rajan	HSE

Merseyside Occupational H&S Group
North Lincs Health & Safety Group

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Report from Kerry Ross on the progress of Safety Groups UK



Progress

- More focussed meetings including Group discussions
- Plans for AGM & Seminar June 2007
 - Added value
 - Revenue possibilities
- Exploratory work on Regionalisation of Safety Groups UK begun
 - Pilots established
 - North-East, Wales & the Midlands

Safety Groups UK PROMOTING SAFETY & HEALTH NATIONWIDE

Organisational Work

- Membership
 - Creating a Members area on the Safety Groups UK website
 - To include a data reporting template where Groups can add and update their contact information and Group details.
- Supporting Existing Groups
 - Working with Editor of RoSPA's OSH magazine to create a Newsletter
 - Creating a Speaker Database
 - Establishing with Group help - 'How to Guides'

Safety Groups UK PROMOTING SAFETY & HEALTH NATIONWIDE

Alan Butler Awards

- Quality of entries very high
- Best Overall Programme - Birmingham
- Best Support for HSE priorities - Birmingham
- Best Seminar Workshop - North Lincolnshire
- Best communication - N Ireland & Teeside
- The winning entries to be held up as good practice

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DERM

- The 1st DERM Seminar 'Rash Decisions Affect your Business' successfully took place in Perth in December - modest profit realised
- Further seminars:
 - Peterborough February 2007
 - North Lincolnshire March 2007
 - Manchester/Merseyside April 2007
- 7 national sponsors

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David Bryant's Report

- 22 recommendations
- Considered by Management Committee in December
- Need to develop a marketing and promotional strategy
- Need for part-time professional resource
- Support for less successful groups
- Partnerships

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Presentation from Rob Strange, Chief Executive IOSH



Emerging issues for IOSH

Safety Groups UK
25 January 2007

Rob Strange
IOSH Chief Executive



Programme

- OH Toolkit
- OH qualification for OSH practitioners
- Budget proposals to Chancellor
- Young people campaign

Health, Work and Wellbeing Strategy and Welfare Reform



IOSH development fund projects

- Free, on-line OH toolkit for non-medical users e.g. MSDs, stress, inhalation and skin hazards
- Prevention of occupational ill health, early recognition, intervention and rehabilitation [March'07]
- Post-grad course in OH for OSH practitioners under development at Nottingham University

Budget proposals



- Cost benefit of government-funded rehabilitation training for 10K OSH practitioners
- More multi-disciplinary working and ongoing support for those joining / rejoining the workforce
- Employer incentives...tax-relief for:
 - Employer-provided non-medical therapies
 - Adjustments to workplaces e.g. improved access

Young people campaign (1)



Workplace Hazards Awareness Course (WHAC)

- Joint IOSH / HSE course with a new qualification for year-10 pupils, offered by BSC Awards
- Free download for teachers at [wiseup2work](#) (end January 2007)...800 people registered so far
- Will help prevent accidents/ill health, reduce business interruption / absence and improve employability
- Tony Blair "*The HSE and IOSH are absolutely right to bring forward a plan that will help to make young people more aware of the potential hazards in the workplace*"

Young people campaign (2)



6-point action plan *"Putting young workers first"*

1. **Teacher training** to teach work-related H&S to pupils
2. **School pupils** prepared for safe working, using the IOSH free on-line teaching resources wiseup2work and WHAC
3. **Work placement officers** to have minimum training (ENTO standard) to competently vet H&S of work placements
4. Better ACoP on **supervising** young/inexperienced workers
5. Improved accident **reporting** requirements and training
6. H&S to be a **priority** in education and training

Young people campaign (3)



Lobbying activities

- Issued 6-point plan at 3 main party conferences
- LSC grant letter now includes H&S
- Meetings with 15 MPs and 10 more booked
- 9 PQs and 1 PMQ tabled and 1 EDM (82 supporters)
- Adjournment debate planned
- Media coverage and presentation to APPG on OSH



Thank you

on behalf of

Institution of Occupational Safety and Health

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Bud Hudspith, TUC, Amicus

*Amicus is committed to improving
health and safety in all workplaces*



*Union organised workplaces are safer
than non-organised workplaces*

Improving health and safety

- Safety reps are key union officials in the workplace
- Amicus wants employers to meet their health and safety duties
- Amicus will work with all employers who are genuinely committed to improving health and safety
- Amicus is committed to involvement and co-operation in health and safety



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Key H&S issues for Amicus

- Effective and active safety reps
- Recruitment and retention of reps
- Using and improving safety reps rights
 - Time Off
- Information
- Corporate manslaughter & directors duties



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Key H&S issues for Amicus

- Manual handling – Backs 2007
- Slips and trips 2007
- Workers Memorial Day, 28th April – Enforcement
- Euro H&S Week, Oct 2006 – MSDs
- Stress, Asbestos, Silica, Construction etc!



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Presentation from Louise Ward, Health and Safety Adviser, EEF

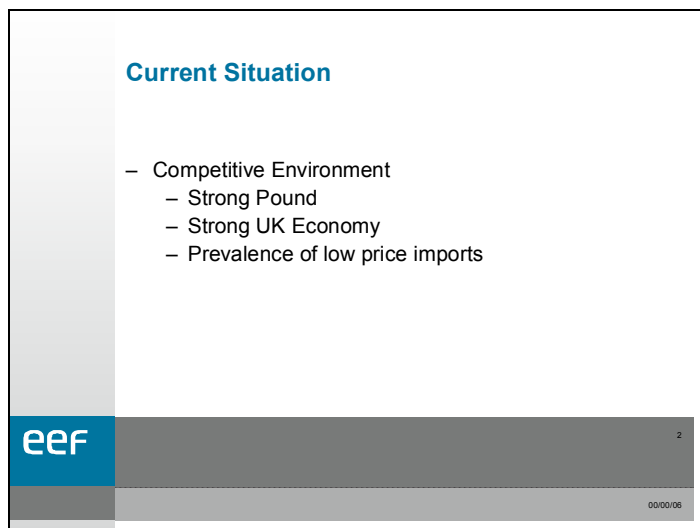


Issues facing Businesses

Louise Ward
Health and Safety Adviser
EEF

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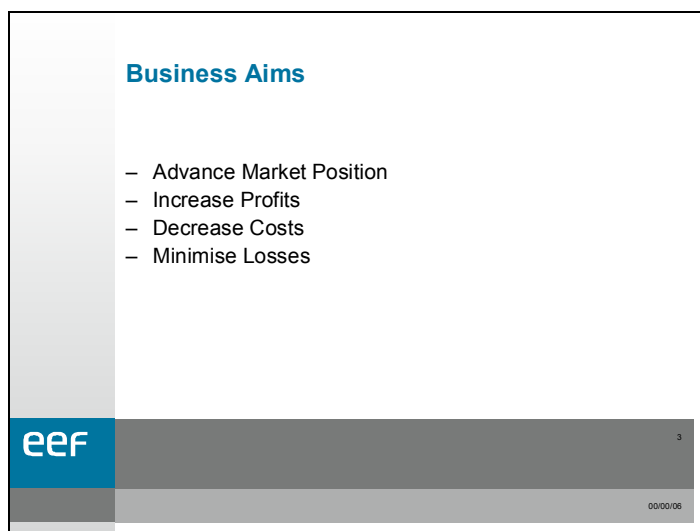
Current Situation

- Competitive Environment
 - Strong Pound
 - Strong UK Economy
 - Prevalence of low price imports

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Business Aims

- Advance Market Position
- Increase Profits
- Decrease Costs
- Minimise Losses

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Tools

- 'Lean' Approach
- Effective Management

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Key Health and Safety Considerations

- Effective Management of Risk
 - Balance
- Worker Involvement
 - Effectiveness
- Managing Work Related Health Issues
 - absence management
- Effective Work Organisation
 - worker wellbeing

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External Influences

Better Regulation

- Positives
 - clarity
 - reduced administrative burden
 - improved guidance
 - web based tools
- Concerns
 - corporate manslaughter
 - alternative penalties
 - legislative changes

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Key Ongoing Issues

- Corporate Manslaughter
- New CDM Regulations
- Physical Agents EMF & Optical Radiation Directives
- 'Sensible Risk' Agenda

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Way Forward

- Communication
- Co-operation
- Professionalism
- Robust Approach to Effective H&S Mgmt

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