



Minutes of the Soil Stabilisation Task Group Committee Meeting held at Lincoln, on Tuesday 24th January 2006

Present:	Chris Harnan	CH	O'Keefe (Chairman)
	John Bateman	JB	Independent Stabilisation
	Paul Edwards	PE	Scott Wilson
	Steve Foster	SF	British Lime Association
	Hedley Greaves	HG	Buxton Lime Industries
	Gerry Howe	GH	Geofirma
	David Jones	DJ	Britpave
	Ryan Kelly	RK	McArdle
	John Kennedy	JK	John Kennedy Consulting
	Alex Kidd	AK	Highways Agency
	Al McDermid	AMcD	T E Beach
	Craig Notman	CN	Mid Sussex Testing
	Harry Potter	HP	WS Atkins
	Andy Thorpe	RF	Combined Stabilisation

1 Apologies for Absence

John Boyle, Chris Clear, Kevin Harding, Denis Higgins, Stuart Mance

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes agreed as full and correct.

3 Matters Not Covered Elsewhere

REACH - An update discussion was held on the impact of the European REACH legislation. It was agreed that the full implications were not yet clear, however it could have a substantial impact on binder costs.

4 Health & Safety

No issues during the period

5 Membership

5.1 Update

Suggestion that Gary Cook of Roadstone Recycling should be invited to join the group. JK to discuss with Gary.

5.2 Best Practice Guidelines / 5.3 Third Party Accreditation

HG gave a summary of the Contractors meeting held on 9 December 2005 (see the meeting minutes for further info). A broad ranging discussion of

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JK

(see the meeting minutes for further info). A broad ranging discussion of the points raised in the Contractors meeting took place and it was confirmed that third party accreditation would not take place. DJ confirmed that for cost, insurance and legal reasons, Britpave would not be able to take part in third party accreditation schemes.

The guidelines for best practice were broadly agreed, however the view of those members present was that it was not feasible to proceed with a revised guidelines booklet at present. The existing guidelines document is available on the Britpave website.

CN advised that the "Soil Stabilisation checklist" would be forwarded on to Consultants, Main Contractors and the HA to use as a reference document. CN is to circulate the checklist to Britpave members for comment. It was agreed that the checklist would also be put on to the Britpave website as a PDF.

SF

6 Subgroup Reports

6.1 Promotions Committee - SF Chairman

Website : www.soilstabilisation.org.uk See separate meeting minutes.

SF showed the Britpave website and asked all members for comments. Website statistics were presented to the group.

ALL

CH requested that sustainability issues are addressed on the website. It was decided that this issue would be addressed within the Technical Committee and forwarded to the Promotions Committee for inclusion in the website. Representatives of the binder suppliers and other Britpave members / groups to be invited to participate.

CN

JK is producing a number of documents relating to stabilisation for TCC - Hard Standings, Commercial / Residential and Heavy Duty Paving (ports etc.). DJ advised that these may be branded as Britpave documents.. JK is also producing a mix design, construction and control document for TCC. JK is to circulate these to the SSTG for comment.

JK

The Safety booklet proposed format was presented to the main SSTG Committee, who decided not to proceed with this publication.

DJ advised that TCC is planning to run two seminars in 2006 entitled Soil Stabilisation : The Sustainable Solution.

4 May in Birmingham 18 May in London

Also "Remediation of Brownfield Land" on 26 April in London

6.2 Remediation & Contamination Committee - CC Chairman

No update from the subgroup.

6.3 Technical R&D (including HA update) Committee - CN Chairman

CN commented that research should be carried out into the swell of on site generated samples using an immersion test. in order to address the issue of long term durability. A discussion on funding ensued, with the suggestion that CN put together a research proposal with budget costings for further discussion re sources of funding.

CN

HA update – AK advised that HD26 will be published in Feb 2006 and HD25 will be published later in 2006, possibly as interim advice.

AK will advise DJ when these documents become available and DJ will advise the SSTG members.

AK is to circulate HA74 within the SSTG for comment before public release.

6.4 Recycling of Existing Pavements Committee - SM Chairman
No update from the subgroup.

DJ was asked to ensure that sub committee chairmen ensured that either they or a deputy from within the committee attend the meeting to give an update on the sub committee's current work, together with circulation of any meeting minutes.

7 Sulfates

No current work - Dallas Little's TREMTI paper was highlighted as useful and interesting.

8 TREMTI

It was reaffirmed that the TREMTI conference was a worthwhile attendance, despite low numbers of UK attendees. AK confirmed that the HA had sponsored attendance by a representative from Mott MacDonald and was awaiting a debrief on the conference.

9 Concrete Hardstanding Handbook

As discussed at the last SSTG meeting, the TCC document does not cover stabilisation adequately. A Britpave response document may be drafted, but this will be put on hold until the other Britpave / TCC documents highlighted in 6.1 are completed.

JK / DJ

10 Any Other Business

Ashtec 2006 - 15 - 17 May in Birmingham.

11 Date of next meeting

Next committee meeting on 9 May 2006 at TE Beach, Dunsfold.