



**Minutes of the Soil Stabilisation Task Group Committee
Meeting held at Euston Tower, London on Wednesday 26th July 2006**

Present:	Adrian Ashby	AA	CSMA
	Chris Clear	CC	British Cement Association
	Paul Edwards	PE	Scott Wilson
	John Ferguson	JF	Balfour Beatty
	Steve Foster	SF	British Lime Association / Singleton Birch
	Hedley Greaves	HG	Buxton Lime Industries
	Simon Harding	SH	Con-Form
	Mike Haynes	MH	Lhoist
	David Jones	DJ	Britpave
	Alex Kidd	AK	Highways Agency
	Al McDermid	AMcD	T E Beach
	Harry Potter	HP	WS Atkins
	Lindon Sear	LS	UKQAA

1 Election of Chairman

One nomination for the position of Chairman was received, so Alastair McDermid was unanimously elected as the new Chairman by show of hands from those present at the meeting.

The group thanked Chris Harnan for his work as previous Chairman and wished him well for the future.

2 Apologies for Absence

Andrew Armstrong, John Boyle, Kevin Harding, Chris Harnan, Denis Higgins, John Kennedy, Kevin McLeod, Craig Notman, Andy Thorpe

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes agreed as full and correct.

4 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Sustainability – CC to circulate papers available on sustainability.
AMcD / DJ / PE are to contact Tony Parry of Nottingham University and discuss how to progress a group sustainability position paper.

5 Health & Safety

An issue was highlighted on a member's site regarding a delivery driver who had broken an ankle. It was pointed out that the driver had jumped down from his cab onto uneven ground. All members are to circulate any safety guidance that they

ACTION

CC
AMcD / DJ
/ PE

ALL

have on safety on and around vehicles.

SF circulated Singleton Birch's driver's procedure for discharging pressurised vehicles and requested that any other powder suppliers who have pressurised vehicle discharge procedures should do the same, so that best practice can be adopted by all. SF to circulate the details for Nigel Cook re powder tanker discharge training.

ALL

SF

CC is to circulate a PDF copy of the HSE / BCA / QPA document on "How to prevent the Over-pressurisation of Storage Silos during the Delivery of Powder in the Cement, Concrete and Quarrying Industries". CC will also advise if this document can be put onto the website as a download.

CC

CC

It was agreed that SSTG Contractor Members would report safety statistics to the meeting on a voluntary basis.

ALL

6 **Membership**

6.1 Update

AMcD / DJ are to contact Contractor Members to encourage attendance at the SSTG Committee meetings. The aim is to identify and hopefully remove any objections to attendance and make sure that the SSTG is Contractor focussed.

AMcD / DJ

7 **Subgroup Reports**

SF request for minutes of all Subgroup meetings to be sent to Sheridan at Britpave for circulation and inclusion in the Member's area of the website.

Sub
groups

7.1 Promotions Committee - SF Chairman

Website : www.soilstabilisation.org.uk

SF gave a brief overview of the changes to the website, including a secure Member's area and updates to the Library, Case Studies and FAQ's. The first case study (Con-Form Flixborough) will be printed and also available as a PDF on the website shortly. SF made a general call for case studies to be submitted for consideration.

ALL

SF / DJ highlighted the work of the BLA Olympics Working Group and the collaboration with Britpave SSTG on promotion of Stabilisation techniques for use in the Olympic / Thames Valley regeneration projects. A seminar on the subject is being planned.

7.2 Remediation & Contamination Committee - CC Chairman

CC highlighted the lack of case studies due to the legislative issues regarding contamination and called to be advised of any jobs identified so that full assistance can be given to try to ensure that stabilisation / solidification is used.

ALL

CC is to advise if the BCA / BLA remediation guide can be put on to the website as a PDF.

CC

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

See separate meeting minutes.

PE gave a summary in CN's absence.

HD25 update – Increased testing (volume and type of tests) is required and this may have possible implications for any departure from a “standard pavement” design – this will need permission and could involve significant risk for main and sub contractors, however opportunities for taking advantage of stabilised layer strength in the design are good.

ALL

Durability Testing (see JK’s email and document of 19/07/2006).

A discussion re costs (£ 80K) vs. benefits of the proposed programme ensued. The conclusion was that the HA 800 series does not specify a test regime for sulfates, so this work is seen as important in order to create a standard method for determining sulfate swell. AK confirmed that HA has earmarked some funding, which will need to be matched by industry, however funding falls far short of the £ 80K indicated in JK’s report. JF / JK / PE to discuss testing with a view to creating a revised schedule with reduced costs. JF / JK / PE / HG are to meet in order to create a position / briefing document before 25 Sept 2006.

JF / JK /
PE

JF / JK /
PE / HG

HA update – Alex Kidd

HA74 final draft document has been circulated to SSTG members. AK requests that any comments are to be sent direct to him ASAP. HA74 planned to be published in Feb 2007. The Stabilisation checklist will be included as an appendix to HA74. AK / SF to liaise re putting the final version of the checklist on to the SSTG website.

ALL

AK / SF

7.4 Recycling of Existing Pavements Committee - GH Chairman

HP gave a summary in GH’s absence.

Committee met on 5 June. General feeling that not enough in situ recycling is carried out, so GH is to canvas the County Surveyor’s Society to promote the technique.

CN is to create a recycling checklist (similar to the stabilisation checklist), which will be circulated to the members for comment.

GH

CN

JF is to circulate the Balfour Beatty case study on the M25 widening project, for conversion into Britpave case study format and inclusion on the website.

JF

8 Any Other Business

HP advised that the HA are planning to increase the 2 year guarantee on surface coverings to 5 years.

AK advised that BS 6031 – British Standard on Earthworks is to be revised and should include stabilisation.

The IHT will be holding a seminar on 30 January 2007 at Leamington Spa entitled “Sustainable and Innovative Solutions for Highway Improvement”

9 Date of next meeting

Next Promotions Committee meeting at 2pm on 14 August 2006

Next Main Committee meeting at 10am on 11 October 2006 at BRE. To be followed by a presentation on “HBM for Piling Platforms”