

Minutes of the Soil Stabilisation Task Group Committee
Meeting held at Hemel Hempstead on Wednesday 24th January
2007

Present:	Andy Armstrong	AA	Con-Form (by special invitation)
	John Bateman	JB	Independent Stabilisation
	John Boyle	JBo	Geofirma
	Chris Clear	CC	British Cement Association
	Mike Connell	MC	Appleby Group
	Andy Daughtrey	AD	Peter Cole Consultants
	John Ferguson	JF	Balfour Beatty
	Steve Foster	SF	British Lime Association
	Hedley Greaves	HG	Buxton Lime Industries
	Simon Harding	SH	Con-Form
	John Kennedy	JK	JK Consulting
	David Jones	DJ	Britpave (stand in Chairman)
	Bryan Magee	BM	The Concrete Centre
	Craig Notman	CN	Mid Sussex Testing
	Harry Potter	HP	WS Atkins
	Lindon Sear	LS	UKQAA
	Ken Smith	KS	Smith Construction

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1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Al Mcdermid, Graham Davey, Paul Edwards, Kevin Harding, Brian Heron, Denis Higgins, Gerry Howe, Alex Kidd, Andrew Thorpe,</p>	
2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of previous meeting.</u></p> <p>Minutes agreed as full and correct.</p>	

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Self Certification – A discussion was once again held regarding self certification. Although this has been discussed several times, the SSTG feels that there is value in progressing some form of minimum standards for working practice.

DJ

DJ is to contact Alex Kidd to request that he attend the next meeting to give the Highways Agency view on requirements for minimum standards. At present, the understanding is that a version of CN's checklist will be incorporated as an annex to HA74.

AA

A lively debate followed and a general agreement was reached by the Contractor members present to work to the Britpave Best Practice Guidance as a minimum standard. Further discussion around the subject of self certification and auditing was held.

AA was asked to call a meeting of Contractor members ASAP in order to discuss this further and reach agreement on a way forward.

<p>4 See separate minutes. SF to email the SSTG members highlighting an incident involving the delivery of lime into a spreader, which resulted in the spreader becoming pressurised and rupturing. A number of dispersed points were identified. This was an experienced driver who has not received adequate training. Driver training standard requirements have now been increased. The lime delivery blinded the vent pipe of the spreader, leaving no escape route for the delivery air. It is suggested that all contractors incorporate some form of emergency pressure relief vent into their spreaders to prevent any further possibility of vessel rupture.</p>	<p><u>Health & Safety.</u></p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>6.1 Update No issues.</p>	

6 Subgroup Reports

6.1 Promotions Committee - SF Chairman

Website : HYPERLINK "http://www.soilstabilisation.org.uk" www.soilstabilisation.org.uk

See separate minutes.
SF to email the SSTG membership for a volunteer to replace John Boyle on the Promotions Committee.

6.2 Remediation & Contamination Committee - CC Chairman

CC gave a short presentation on contaminated land issues and referred the committee to the building guidance (part C). If you have a site which is designated as contaminated land, first you must conduct a desktop study, followed by a site investigation.

If the desktop study shows contaminants, the developer must present a strategy to remediate the land. Lots of developers are looking to pass this responsibility on to the main contractor, who can suggest opportunities for remediation.

CC is to send a written version of his presentation to SF for inclusion in the minutes.

A short discussion took place regarding the classification of PFA and Blast Furnace Slag as wastes by the EA. Interpretation of this classification appears to be inconsistent between different EA officers.

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

CN & JK asked the committee for guidance on the direction of future research in order to be relevant to the market. CN is to send an email calling for research suggestions. SSTG members to respond at the next meeting.

CN is conducting research into the swelling of treated soils and the relevance of the CBR test. It is suggested that the CBR test is not relevant and CN is looking to identify alternative tests which may be more informative. CN made the point that if we do not take sulphates into account, then the test method is irrelevant.

LS highlighted a Dundee University Concrete Technology Unit project to

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Any Other Business

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

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Date of next meeting.

Next Promotions
Committee meeting date
and venue to be agreed.

Next Main Committee
meeting at 10am on 24
April 2007 at Buxton Lime.