

[DRAFT]

ACTION POINTS

For convenience, actions to be carried out by members are summarised as follows:

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| All members | 1, 9 |
| Warren Goodall | 3, 6c |
| Alison Henry | 5 |
| Terry Hughes | 5, 7, 9, 12 |
| John Humble | 2a |
| Graham Lott | 7, 9 |
| Eleni Makri | 8a, 12c, 14b |
| Brian Marker | 2c, 6a, 6c, 8c, 9, 14d |
| Michael Poultney | 14d |
| Ian Thomas | 10, 11, 15b |
| Chris Wood | 8a, 8d, 12c, 13 |
| Tim Yates | 14d |

1. Eleni Makri (RIBA) was welcomed to the Forum. The revised list of members' contact details (ESF6-3 rev 8) was discussed. It was suggested that Alison Henry's address should be checked and Jon Humble's contact details should be added. **All members are asked to notify any corrections to Terry Hughes as soon as possible.**

2. The note of the previous meeting (ESF 10-10) was approved. Matters arising were:

a) a report on progress on PPS15 but this could not be taken in Jon Humble's absence **and was deferred to the next meeting.**

b) Ian Thomas introduced a forthcoming event at the National Stone Centre in December 2010 at which the National Association of Mining History Organisations (NAMHO) would try to identify gaps in coverage of their research on the historic heritage of mining sites

c) it was emphasised that ESF should monitor the activities of the EC Raw Materials Supply Group on sustainability and minerals. **Brian Marker agreed to raise this at the UK Minerals Forum on 18th November and report back.**

3. It was noted that the Scottish Stone Liaison Group is to be closed but that the functions are likely to be transferred to Historic Scotland. **Warren Goodall would monitor and report back.** It was noted that attempts are being made to undertake a strategic stone study for Wales along the lines of that in progress in England.

4. It was reported that the English Heritage Strategic Stone Study has funding until October 2011. The main remaining aim is to now complete all of the areas that are currently in progress. The draft Oxfordshire material was circulated to ESF prior to the meeting. Key problems are excessive use of geological terminology, over-reliance on a glossary, and excessive architectural detail (much of which could be excluded by cross-referencing to the volumes prepared by Pevsner). There is a need for plain English. The material will be re-edited after which it will be circulated to ESF for all member to comment. Consideration is being given to how coverage of the remainder of England (including some key areas such as Lincolnshire and Cumbria) might be secured perhaps through the Heritage Lottery Fund). A focal group would be needed to manage such work. This needs to be resolved well in advance of the Autumn of 2011.

5. The proposed book to be prepared in collaboration with English Heritage and the National Trust has not yet progressed. **Alison Henry is to prepare a form for the publications section of English Heritage** setting out the nature, scope and content of the book and

proposals for how it is to be carried forward. Following response from the publications section the proposal will be discussed again with the National Trust. Consideration needs to be given to whether the book should be organised by geology or region and how it might be linked to the Stone Study. **Terry Hughes should re-send the “mock up” chapter to Chris Wood and Ian Thomas.**

6. Future work plans were discussed

a) the analysis of delegate responses from the BGS meeting on building stone (ESF10-9 and 10-16) was considered. BGS would not now publish proceedings so the ESF analysis would have to suffice. The following specific points were noted:

- it should be made clear that sustainability is much wider than energy consumption issues;
- anecdotal evidence on supply and demand is mentioned – this should be replaced by a more systematic approach
- it should be recognised that some MPAs and specifiers do not adequately understand differences between types of stone
- Paragraph 16 should recognise the need to collect information initially
- Para 19 should refer to mineralogical rather than geochemical fingerprinting
- there should be recognition that English stone had advantages in terms of “embodied energy”
- it is desirable that the Building Regulations should be based on overall sustainability rather than just carbon emissions issues and that it should be made clear that brick and stone are more thermally efficient than is generally appreciated
- there is currently insufficient data on thermal conductivity and permeability of stone and data is needed on empirical values for stone walls in good condition

Brian Marker would clear the draft material with Emily Tracey before it is put on the ESF website. It was agreed that Brian Marker should amend and re-circulate the paper for comment so that it could then be finalised.

b) the first draft of the communications strategy (papers 10-13 and 10-14) was welcomed. It was suggested that the strategy should place less emphasis on training, which is essentially a matter for the industry, while recognising the need to encourage and promote good practices. Since this was based on the terms of reference this suggested that the terms should be revisited by ESF at a future meeting. The section on planning policy should, rather, be more generally on policy. The schedule table should recognise the need to communicate with environmental NGOs. The next step should be to list items in priority sequence.

c) it was agreed that initiatives arising from the BGS meeting and the draft communications strategy should be combined into a single paper by Brian Marker and Warren Goodall for consideration at the next meeting.

7. Progress on the website was summarised in paper ESF10-15. It was suggested that a link to the IHBC prosecutions database might be established but this was not accepted by the meeting. A link to the Naturstein website (<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naturstein>)⁺ introduction to building stone was agreed. **Graham Lott would look at developing a similar page for the ESF website** (not a Wikipedia site). It was also agreed that the new town trail for Hereford should be published on the website and that **Terry Hughes should set up a statement on “creative commons” for use in the site.**

8. On outreach:

a) **Chris Wood would provide a list of journalist contacts to Terry Hughes. Eleni Makri would make contact with the editor of the Conservation Directory.**

⁺ The Google toolbar for Internet Explorer, Chrome and Firefox has a translation service.

b) Alison Henry had contacted the CLBA about an article for their journal and was awaiting a list of people with recent experience of securing a building stone quarry on their land to be provided by the CLBA editor.

c) Revision 1 of paper ESF10-8, on sustainability, was considered. Material on landscape assets, on recovery, reuse, and recycling, and a conclusions section remained to be added. However it should be made clear that this should not be generally favoured but was sometimes appropriate but that specifiers should be careful to satisfy themselves that the provenance of the materials is genuine. Otherwise, the paper was generally accepted subject to some improvements. There should be more emphasis on the performance of stone in terms of embodied energy, and a clear statement that existing material on “green credentials” failed to take account of embodied energy in imported stone prior to its arrival in the UK. It should be recognised that estimates for slate have been based on volume and weight rather than, more appropriately, on area. It was also noted that paragraph 3 should refer to “sold more cheaply” rather than “cheaper” and that minor typographical errors in paragraphs 13 and 14 should be corrected. **Brian Marker was asked to take full account of the comments and to amend and re-circulate the paper for final comments before publication on the website and submission to a journal such as the Conservation Directory**

d) It was suggested that the Heritage Lottery Fund should be approached to enquire what its policy is on inappropriate use of stone in funded projects. **As a first step Chris Wood will find out who to contact.**

9. A paper reporting on the meeting of IUGS Commission C10 Building and Ornamental Stone in Auckland (September 2010) was tabled. This included discussion of the Global Heritage Stone initiative. **Brian Marker would prepare a summary for inclusion in the ESF website and Terry would develop pages on the GHS.** Also tabled was a paper from Barry Cooper on Portland Stone. **It was agreed that Graham Lott should comment on Barry’s paper.** There was a need to consult within the UK on the Portland Stone submission therefore **all members** were asked to provide names of appropriate consultees. **Brian Marker should update the Welsh and Scottish forums on this issue.**

10. ESF funds remaining in the account administered by the SFGB were £807-50p at 31 July 2010 but some funds from sales of reports may have arrived since. Proceedings of the York Conference were still selling slowly and cheques were being sent to SFGB and were being paid into the ESF account. **It was agreed that copies of the report should be sent from the English Stone Centre to University libraries**

11. The study on safeguarding of resources undertaken for the Peak National Park remained unfinished. Work on safeguarding undertaken for Derbyshire County Council has been overtaken by other priorities. **Ian Thomas would seek information on progress from Derbyshire CC.**

12. It was agreed that Terry Hughes should re-circulate the ESF letterhead [now done]. Discussion was held on other representations made, or suggested, by ESF.

a) draft CLG EIA guidance - no action was taken;

b) Somerset CC consultation on building stone – an ESF response was sent

c) use of Chinese stone in Exhibition Road London – **it was agreed that Eleni Makri and Chris Wood should investigate the possibility of a Freedom of Information request to the responsible local authority** [now done].

d) **discussion on the BRE Green Guide was deferred until Tim Yates could be present.**

13. Arrangements for the 2001 Stone Show were discussed. Availability to attend the stand was noted and it was indicated that Graham Lott could be available on the afternoon of the

18th March and that Warren Goodall could attend on the 18th. It was noted that arrangements for dealing with credit card payments could be available. The programme should be finalised by November. [The programme is now finalised.]

14. On opportunities for ESF involvement in forthcoming events:

a) the next IHBC summer school is in Wales and is not an opportune for ESF;

b) Eleni Makri agreed to report on RIBA opportunities for collaboration

c) Henry Russell indicated that there could be opportunities to submit material with a building and conservation focus to the RICS Conservation Journal. Also RICS organises visits for members that could include quarries.

d) a paper on the Stone Show 2011 was considered. **Michael Poultney would seek samples of stone to be displayed on the stand.** The Stone Survey GIS would be available to view. **Brian Marker should write to devolved organisations to explain that the stand would be for English stone only.**

15. There were no Building Regulations issues. It was suggested that this item should now be dropped from future agendas unless issues emerged.

16. Any other business

a) Ian Thomas reported on a 1 day event for mineral planners on development control to be held at the National Stone Centre in December 2010 followed next year by sessions on plan making, regulation and monitoring.

b) Ian Thomas would provide details of a recent paper on a polished stone collection.

c) It was noted that recent statements had been made that there is no specification for hydraulic lime which is incorrect.

17. The next meeting at the offices of SPAB has been re-arranged for Thursday 27th January 2011 and the 19th meeting is likely to take place on either 30 or 31 March but will not be later than the 31st.