

# Earth Science Education Forum (England and Wales)

## Minutes of the thirty-sixth meeting

Held at the Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London at 1.30pm on 8 June 2010

**Present:** Chris King, Chairman (Earth Science Education Unit)  
David Bailey (British Geological Survey)  
Martyn Bradley (Geology Trusts)  
Susan Brown (Geologists' Association, Rockwatch)  
Nikki Edwards (OCR)  
Hazel Gibson (Science Education Officer NHM)  
Natasha Lee (Gloucestershire Geology Trust)  
Judith Mansell (Royal Geographical Society & IBG)  
June Wright (British Geological Survey)

**Speaker:** Chris King, Earth Science Education Unit, Keele University

### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Grace Kimbell (Natural History Museum), Jacqui Malpas (Clwydian Range AONB), Cally Oldershaw (ASE), Hazel Rymer (Open University), Peter Warren, Niki Whitburn (ESTA)

### 2 Minutes of the 35th meeting, 16 March 2010

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and will be placed on the ESEF website.

**Action: David Bailey**

### 3 Matter arising

3.1 David Bailey to investigate BGS involvement with respect to Arctic collaboration with Judith Mansell

**Action: David Bailey**

3.2 The speakers for the forthcoming meeting have been amended as shown at item 9 and are to be confirmed with all concerned.

**Action: Chris King**

### 4 Finance report

No change in the financial situation.

### 5 ESEF website ([www.esef.org.uk](http://www.esef.org.uk))

David Bailey to add minutes from this meeting and to investigate adding local Earth Science WEA and independent tutor-led courses taught locally. These should be added with a suitable contact that will have responsibility for updating information through David Bailey and the BGS webmaster as usual.

**Action: David Bailey**

### 6 All-Party Parliamentary Group for Earth Sciences update

There is no meeting this evening as the group has to be reconvened following the recent General Election. The proposed dates (see item 9) have been agreed with Cally Oldershaw as acceptable.

**Action: June Wright**

### 7 Potential collaborative projects

None noted on this occasion.

### 8 AOB

8.1 It was noted that this would be Judith Mansell's last meeting. Judith was formally thanked for her contribution to the Forum and Chris King asked if she could inform the group of any replacement from the RGS.

8.2 Chris confirmed the removal of the Earth Science element of PGCE teaching at Keele University. He expressed his sadness and told the forum he has made a number of options available through the chancellor of the university and is awaiting a response. The meeting gave Chris their support and asked if there was any action that could be taken. He declined this offer at this time but would keep the members up to date. A few alternatives were discussed including collaboration with the Open University. All options could be discussed further if required.

8.3 Natasha Lee noted that the Geological Trusts have a display at the Cheltenham Festival this weekend and would also be present at the Malvern Three Counties Show on 19 June 2010.

## 9 Dates of future meetings

Chris King thanked everyone for their attendance

- 19 October 2010 Peter Warren to organise a discussion on ‘How should earth science be part of mainstream education?’
- 7 December 2010 Grace Kimble to convene a discussion on ‘Earth science in a museum environment’ and the meeting to be held at the Natural History Museum.
- 8 March 2011 Martyn Bradley and Natasha Lee to organise discussion on ‘Geoscience in Adult Education’.
- 7 June 2011 Cally Oldershaw to organise presentations on ‘Geoscience Careers’.

### Agreed actions:

Agenda Item	Subject	Owner	Due date
34.3	Proforma information forms to be sent to ESEF Wales	Cally Oldershaw and June Wright	ASAP
34.8	Can BGS contribute to the RGS Arctic Resources page	David Bailey	ASAP
36.2	Minutes to be added to ESEF website	David Bailey	ASAP
36.5	Investigate whether local WEA & independent earth science classes to be added to website	David Bailey	Ongoing
36.6	Confirm dates for next 4 meetings & All-Party meetings with Cally Oldershaw	June Wright	Closed
36.9	Future dates and speakers to be confirmed with Cally Oldershaw re All-Party meetings	Chris King & June Wright	ASAP

Chris King gave a presentation on the Earth Learning Idea website ([www.earthlearningidea.com](http://www.earthlearningidea.com))