

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE DISTRICT (NSSC)

NSSC District Branch Meeting Minutes

April 3rd 2017

Handson Safety Services

The Training Centre
Wistaston Road Business Centre
Wistaston Road
Crewe
CW2 7RP

Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome

Our Chair, Douglas Leech opened the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance.

2. Apologies

No apologies received.

3. Proposed Events Calendar 2017

Douglas reviewed the Proposed Events Calendar and to date, the Branch has received two presentations, one about safeguarding young persons at work and the other about concrete, and how to use it safely. Planned events for the remainder of the year are as follows:

5th June 2017 - Asbestos surveying, management and training overview, speaker is Greg Byrne

28th June 2017 – Mock Trial to be held at the Crewe Municipal Chambers

24th July 2017 - Legal update including Brexit, speakers are Pinsent Mason

2nd October 2017 – Stress at work, speaker is Liz Jackson

4th December 2017 – Root cause analysis and human factors, speaker is Neil Martin

Attendees were reminded that further details regarding the forth coming mock trial event being held in Crewe on the 28th June can be found on the North Staffordshire & South Cheshire District micro website. The event is free to attend and members of the public are welcome. Please confirm your attendance by booking online at bookings@iosh.co.uk or if you require further information please contact Douglas Leech on nssc-mnwd@ioshnetworks.co.uk

4. Treasurers Report for 2016

The Treasurers report was delivered by the Treasurer James Dean. The expenditure for 2016 has been minimal for the year, but an increase is anticipated in 2017 due to the mock trial event taking place.

5. The District Chairpersons Report for 2017 / Election of members to the District Committee

All attendees and committee members present were asked if there were happy to continue their terms for another year. There were no objections.

Phil Lee had previously expressed a wish to put himself forward as a Committee member to which there were no objections.

The elections of members for the NSSC District Branch for 2017 stand as follows:

Chair – Douglas Leech

Treasurer - James Dean

Committee member - Ralph Stubbs

Secretary - Liz Jackson

Communications Coordinator - Roy Jackson

Committee member - Neil Martin

Committee member - Phil Lee

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6. Proposed Events Calendar 2018

The Branch does not currently have any events planned for 2018 to which Douglas asked the attendees for ideas on topics that they would like to hear about or find interesting.

All suggestions would be welcome and if anyone has any ideas please can they bring these to the next meeting on 5th June 2017 or in the meantime they can contact Douglas on nssc-mnwd@ioshnetworks.co.uk

The AGM for 2018 will take place on 9th April 2018.

7. Any Other Business

- ❖ **Hot off the press** – Douglas informed all attendees of the pending introduction of the Dispute Resolution for Fees for Intervention (FFI). There will be an independent system put into place by Sept 2017. This will be overseen by a 3 person panel consisting of:

1 Lawyer/Solicitor

2 Health and Safety Professionals

- ❖ **UK Health & Safety Strategy / Helping Britain Work Well 2016**

Douglas informed all attendees regarding the launch of the HSE / Helping Great Britain Work Well Strategy. It will be putting priority and emphasis on businesses and employers to tackle the following:

Work-related stress

Musculoskeletal disorders

Occupational lung disease

There are detailed Sector Plans which go in to more detail regarding the requirements for each sector which can be found by accessing the following link <http://www.hse.gov.uk/strategy> and <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/strategiesandplans/health-and-work-strategy/health-and-work-strategy.pdf>

- ❖ **The HSE's Business Plan for 2017 / 2018**

Can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/strategiesandplans/businessplans/plan1718.pdf>

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm

Minutes compiled and prepared by: Liz Jackson / Branch Secretary

End of NSSC Annual General Meeting 3rd April 2017