

HUMAN OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY SIG

3rd November 2021, 1:00pm
Meeting held on Zoom

AGM Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of last AGM**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Chair's welcome and AGM report**
- 5. Secretary's Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Elections to committee and Advisory Council representative**
- 8. 3-year plan**
- 9. Any Other Business (AOB)**
- 10. Date of next committee meeting and future events**

Apologies should be forwarded to the Group Secretary

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AGM Minutes

Present: Sharon Clough (Chair), Isobel Cuwren (Ordinary member), Heidi Dawson-Hobbis (Ordinary member), Ceri Falys (Secretary), and Clare Randall (Treasurer). Other attendees: Trish Biers, Milena Grzybowska, Denise Hillier, Megan Keates (ClfA), Oscar Kelly, John Lawson, Sophie Lewis-Jones, Matt Lee, Richard Morkill, Kumar Usswal Singh, SPAU, Adelina Teoaca, and Mara Tesorieri.

1.	Apologies	Action
	Kirsten Dinwiddy, Sabrina Ki, Louise Loe, Jackie McKinley	
2.	Minutes of last AGM	
	The minutes of the last AGM were accepted.	
3.	Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC asked for a volunteer to act as the Advisory Council representative for Osteo SIG, which will help advise ClfA on the development of assessing the ethical aspects of future applicants. • Openings are also available for the Equality and Diversity group. 	
4.	Chair's welcome and AGM report (SC)	
	<p><u>Committee Vacancies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteo SIG is 3-years old, and as a result, all committee positions were up for election. No nominations for the roles of Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer were received by ClfA prior to the AGM. • In addition, there are 2 vacancies for Ordinary Committee members. • Kirsten Dinwiddy has stepped down from her role on the committee due to work commitments. SC thanked her very much for her work and input over the last 3 years. Osteo SIG will continue on with KD's proposed projects (i.e "10 things archaeologists need to know about osteoarchaeology"). <p>SC summarised and provided updates for the activities Osteo SIG had proposed to do since last AGM (September 2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a ClfA Digital tea-break session: took place in January 2021 • 10 things archaeologists need to know about osteology and excavating burials: still a work in progress • focusing on Osteo SIG's online presence: Facebook and Twitter accounts have both increased in the number of followers, and actively posts updates and polls for followers. 	ALL

5.	Secretary's Report (CF)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteo SIG membership numbers have more than doubled (304 current members, compared to 137 last year). Possibly the result of the group's increased online presence. The AGM minutes will be written and distributed following the meeting 	CF
6.	Treasurer's Report (CR)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No money has been spent over the last year As Osteo SIG hope to have face-to-face meetings and (hopefully) workshops this year, CR will apply for all available funding for the group. 	CR
7.	Elections to committee and Advisory Council representative	
	<p><u>2 Ordinary Committee Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two of the AGM attendees volunteered for the vacant roles, and were voted in by SC, IC, HDH, CF, and CR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Lee Richard Morkill Matt and Richard are warmly welcomed to the Osteo SIG committee <p><u>Current Osteo SIG committee members</u> were re-elected for another term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again, SC thanked Kirsten Dinwiddy for her 3 years of service and for her help in setting up the group. <p><u>Advisory Council Representative:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no volunteers to take on the role. 	
8.	3-year plan review	
	<p>Objectives for 2021-2024:</p> <p>1) <u>Zoom Workshops:</u> to focus on aspects of osteoarchaeology that do not require hands on training. Guest-speakers would be invited, with the possibility of Osteo SIG hosting 1-2 sessions per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If at all possible, we would also like to have face-to-face workshops, as osteoarchaeology is a hands-on occupation, and many aspects proposed for training and professional development cannot be effectively taught in the absence of skeletal remains. <u>Possible Topics for Online Workshops:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science and Osteology (previously suggested by Louise Loe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General introduction to Science and Osteology, with discussion of the practicalities and challenges. Isotopes aDNA 	

	<p>2. <u>Produce a short newsletter</u> of Osteo SIG’s projects, and what we are up to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a way to keep in contact with our members (not all are on social media), and hopefully receive feedback from them for topics that members feel they need guidance and advice with. <p>3) Provide case studies of good practice in osteoarchaeology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to engage with the public on the sensitive subject of human remains • A workshop to prepare archaeologists for working with the media: how to “deal” with reporters. <p>4) <u>Continue to develop our social media presence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance content by producing informal content that can help support those osteologists that are not linked to larger companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a <u>mentorship scheme</u> • We would like to <u>develop two-way dialogues</u> with the Osteo SIG members. • <u>Provide short guides or videos</u> for the practical areas of osteoarchaeology. Official guidance documents do not always provide the level of detail that field staff need to successfully accomplish tasks that are crucial to osteoarchaeology (e.g. how to take samples, identifying neonates, etc). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • potential topics will be discussed at the next Osteo SIG meeting, and social media will be asked for ideas or areas of archaeology that are in need of further explanation. 	ALL
9.	Any Other Business (AOB)	
	<p>1) <u>10 Things to Know about Osteoarchaeology</u> (for the Digger’s Forum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteo SIG have been working on this project for a year, and aim to complete it in the coming months. <p>2) <u>OASIS/ADS project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteo SIG have been approached by BABAO for thoughts on how to improve the process for researchers to obtain information for archaeological sites if they do not have all of the site details (i.e. the “official” name of the site). • we will discuss this in the next committee meeting. <p>3) <u>Burial licences</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prolonged delay in issuing burial licences after the re-shuffling of the government cabinet is finally over. • Causes major disruption to archaeological sites if burial licences are not obtainable for weeks. ALGAO have taken up this issue, in hopes that this situation can be avoided again. 	ALL
10.	Date of next committee meeting and future events	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed date for the next meeting: Middle of January 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can meet online, and/or in person.• Will discuss: which events to hold this year, finalize the list for “10 things to know about osteoarchaeology”	ALL
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Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm