

Landscape SIG
08 May 2026, 1200
Online

AGM Minutes

Present: List names in alphabetical order (with any positions in brackets afterwards)

- Brandon Braun (secretary) - BB
- Cara Burton (CifA) - CB
- Kat Hopwood-Lewis – KHL
- Ian Houlston (advisory council representative) - IH
- Abi Tompkins – AT
- Sam Turner (Chair) - ST
- Meike Van Lit (Vice chair) – MVL

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
1. Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Astbury - DA - Tori Park – TP - Janine Young - JY 	
2. Minutes of last AGM Accepted without changes	
3. Matters Arising None	
4. Chair’s Welcome and AGM Report ST welcomed attendees to the AGM, summarised the LSIG’s activity over the last year and plans for the upcoming year in line with the 3-year Plan	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>BB updated on discussion and focus of LSIg meetings since the last AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering some of the things discussed at last AGM and that came up in that membership survey. - Focus on events, including lunchtime talks and possible in-person meetings - Finding ways to collaborate with other SIGs <p>BB updated on growth of membership of LSIg:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="213 573 1305 784"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>MCifA</th> <th>ACifA</th> <th>PCifA</th> <th>Affiliate</th> <th>Student</th> <th>Non-Members</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025</td> <td>103</td> <td>59</td> <td>43</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>10</td> <td>256</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2026</td> <td>214</td> <td>137</td> <td>96</td> <td>38</td> <td>44</td> <td>7</td> <td>536</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	MCifA	ACifA	PCifA	Affiliate	Student	Non-Members	Total	2025	103	59	43	20	21	10	256	2026	214	137	96	38	44	7	536	
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<p>6.</p>	<p>Budget Report</p> <p>MVL updated on the budget and income from LSIg membership and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £115 from non-CifA members that have joined LSIg - No expenditure because all events have been online 																									
<p>7.</p>	<p>Elections to Group Committee and Advisory Council representative</p> <p>Current Committee (alphabetical):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Astbury - Brandon Braun (secretary) - Kat Hopwood-Lewis - Ian Houlston (AC Rep) - Tori Park - Abi Tompkins - Sam Turner (Chair) - Meike Van Lit (Vice Chair) - Janine Young <p>It was noted that terms are usually three years, with the option to renew for a second term. To add succession plan in upcoming meetings so that group continues to run smoothly.</p>																									
<p>8.</p>	<p>3-Year Plan review</p> <p>ST reviews plan, notes that we are in third year and that we will need to update for next year</p> <p>KHL updates on takeover of The Archaeologist magazine (TA130, February 2027, deadline December 2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Details to be shared on socials shortly. - So far, LSIg have asked for content by invitation in an effort to get a broad coverage. By end of June, we may open up the call to a wider audience. - A questionnaire about 'what landscape means to you?' will go out on social media, with quotes to be included into TA130. 																									

	<p>For the next 3-year plan, IH recommends thinking about how we connect with other professionals about interrelationships in landscape (e.g., Landscape Institute, RIBA). Can take the form of contributions to The Archaeologist, perhaps invited lectures/events.</p>	
9.	<p>Communications MVL updates. Reminder that we have social media channels: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, BlueSky. We have a permanent survey (link was shared in chat) for members to share news/updates.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>KHL invites attendee Claire Boardman to introduce a proposed action-oriented group, intended to be a network to provide space for small-scale, member-led action to focus on how archaeology can support sustainable futures, with environmental and landscape focus.</p> <p>There is an expression of thanks to the committee. Specific mention of lunchtime/tea break talk series; Committee would like to thank JY for her work in organising.</p> <p>-</p>	
11.	<p>Date of the next committee meeting, and future events.</p> <p>Next committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 June 2026 - TBC: September 2026 - TBC: December 2026 or January 2027 <p>Next lunchtime talks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 May 2026 - TBC: September 2026 - TBC: November 2026 <p>Discussion about next AGM, provisionally scheduled for May 2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KHL asks attendees if an in-person LSIG event at CifA conference would be of interest. In discussion, several expressed an interest, but with the request that it could be hybrid so that those that don't attend conference can still take part. - Question about scheduling the AGM on a Friday being difficult, as many may work PT and have Fridays as non-working days. 	