



## **Earth Science Education Forum (England and Wales) Minutes of the 59th meeting**

Held in the Arthur Holmes Room, Geological Society, London. 1.00 pm, 15 June 2016.

### **Present**

Chris King (Earth Science Education Unit)  
Isabel Markham (U3A)  
John Stevenson (BGS)  
Lesley Dunlop (English Geodiversity Forum)  
Martyn Bradley (Geology Trusts & U3A)  
Nikki Edwards (ESTA)

### **Apologies for absence:**

Annette Shelford (NHM Learning Team/Real World Science)  
Annette Thomas (Project Consultant at Subsea UK)  
David Brook (London Geodiversity Partnership)  
Hazel Rymer (Open University)  
Judi Lakin (GSL)  
Lorraine Craig (Imperial College London)  
Maggie Williams (Liverpool Uni.)  
Nic Bilham (GSL)  
Susan Brown (Rockwatch)  
Tom Hose (GeoConservationUK)

### **1. Talk**

Colin Prosser, Natural England Geoconservation designations (SSSIs, NNRs, Local Sites, Global Geoparks and World Heritage Sites and the links with, and opportunities for, geoconservation).

### **2 Minutes of the 58th meeting, 29 March 2016**

The minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as a true record. A copy has been placed on the ESEF website.

**Action: JS**

### **3 Matters arising**

#### **3.1 National Curriculum (KS3 & 4)**

#### **GCSE geology and Geology A/AS Level**

Ongoing. No changes to report

#### **3.2 Training for secondary geology teachers:**

The Summer School at Keele is fully subscribed, with 12 applicants enrolled for the 11 places that were originally on offer.

#### **3.3 Geology for Non-Geologists training 'Geolab':**

Nothing to report

3.4 *Destination survey for A-level Geology students:*  
Nothing to report.

3.5 *National Geology Database:*  
**JS** agreed to make enquiries about adding the Geological Societies Top 100 GeoSites to the BGS GeoBritain Map [www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/100-Great-Geosites/Interactive-Map](http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Education-and-Careers/100-Great-Geosites/Interactive-Map)

3.6 *Geological poster map of UK and Ireland*  
**JS** reported that the production of the map had made no further progress since the previous ESEF meeting.

The ESEF expressed their disappointment at the delay in the production of this map for a second time.

3.7 *Future talks and meeting dates*

**Tuesday 4 October**

Talk by Graham Warton, update Dudley Museum Geopark application or Lesley Dunlop, About the English Geodiversity Forum

**Thursday 17 November**

Special meeting on geoscience outreach by invitation only.

**Tuesday 6 December**

Outcomes and updates from Special ESEF geoscience outreach meeting

**JS** to Book 17 November additional rooms

**4 Finance report**

No significant changes to report.

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

The website is up to date.

**6 Potential collaborative projects**

Much of the 59<sup>th</sup> ESEF meeting was spent discussing a collaborative geoscience education/outreach initiative, inspired by recent ESEF discussions on geoliteracy and a recent visit to the Canadian Geoscience Education Network conference by Chris King. Plans were outlined for a workshop event, to further the initiative, on 17 November 2016. The purpose of the event is to identify and initiate an outreach/education initiative/project specifically chosen to involve the maximum number of geoscientists across the country.

**JS** reported that the BGS ‘footie quake’ project had confirmed interest from the following universities: Leicester, Liverpool, Keele, Southampton, Plymouth and tentative interest from Cardiff and Bristol.

**8 ESEF Achievements**

None reported.

## **9 AOB**

**MB** gave a brief update on the WGCG's 'The Rocks of Warwickshire as represented in the Geology Wall at Brandon Marsh'. For further information about the wall go to [www.wgcg.co.uk/brandon-wall/](http://www.wgcg.co.uk/brandon-wall/)