

**Construction Industry Advisory Committee**  
**Asbestos Leadership Group Action Notes – 25 October 2017**

**Attending:**

Ian Strudley (IS) (Chair) – CD Health Unit HSE	Susan Murray - UNITE
Amy Kalay – (AK) CD Health Unit HSE	Peter Crosland - CECA
Tim Shambrook (TS) – CD Health Unit HSE	David Tucker – Land Securities
Gavin Carruthers – FOD HSE	Mark Sarton - Skanska
Samantha Lord - FOD SG1 HSE	John Richards - RICS
Colette Willnoughby (CW) - BOHS	Mike Wilks – TICA-ACAD
Judith McNulty-Green (JMG) - IOSH	Phil Bates - ECA
Daniel Barrowclough (DB) – SD HSE	Chris Bishop - UKATA
Richard Morgan - GMB	Jonathan Grant - NORAC
Maria Strangwood - HSE	Paul Beaumont - IATP
Stephen Platkiw - ATAC	
Steve Sadley - ATAC	
Colin Smith - UKAS	

**Apologies:**

Richard Wilks - APS	Martin Gibson – FOD SG1 HSE
Tony Vozniak - APS	

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<http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/connect.ti/asbestosliaison/groupHome>

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**Summary of actions:**

- Action: IS and JMG to modify draft Duty to Manage Guidance and send to members for comment and subsequent incorporation into IOSH NTTL campaign
- Action: Members to forward asbestos photos to Simon/JM for IOSH campaign
- Action: IOSH to invite group members to attend London summit and to exhibit if they wish (free of charge)
- Action: DB to prepare a brief 1-page paper for next meeting to aid discussion on HSL asbestos research

## **1. Welcome and Administration**

- IS and JMG lead introductions and housekeeping.
- Round robin introductions
- Discussed the logic behind widening the remit of the group/meeting including emphasising the importance of retaining an appropriate discussion forum for the previous ‘Asbestos Liaison Group’ business focussing on technical aspects of the licensed contractor trades and continued engagement with HSE’s Asbestos Licensing Unit
- IS announced retirement from December 2017 and that Simon Longbottom to take over again as interim Chair of the group until his replacement is appointed

## **3. Minutes and actions of last meeting (27 June 2017) – IS**

- Point 4.1.2 regarding apprenticeships discussed, and forwarded to agenda item 4

## **4. ConIAC reconstitution. Future structure and function, role of Steering Group, new ConIAN and Working Groups, including creation of ‘Tackling Ill Health Working Group**

- ConIAC has been reconstituted for a further 3 year period but with a different structure in place
- Previous committee of approximately 16 members has been replaced with ConIAN, the N standing for Network and a separate Steering Group to oversee activities of a number of Working Groups.
  - This networking focus facilitates opportunities for new stakeholders in construction and involvement and learning for all.
- The first meeting of ConIAN is on 7 December 2017 and is subsequently proposed to currently meet twice a year.
- The separate Steering Group will continue to be chaired by the Chief Inspector of Construction, Peter Baker, with Secretariat support provided by HSE, and membership comprising Chairs of several working groups
- The working groups have been set up to reflect the themes of Helping GB Work Well, and in particular ‘Tackling ill-health’ being the most relevant to the work of the ALG , will be chaired by Peter Crosland .

## **5. ALG Action Plan – Progress on new sub-group activities around Apprenticeships / DTM**

### **i) Apprenticeships**

- Steve Platkiw has been looking to setup meeting regarding the Apprenticeships 'Trail Blazing Scheme' but it has not been possible to get everyone together to date
- Asbestos awareness into each apprenticeship related to construction, to increase awareness for new apprentices
  - i. Meeting on 2 December regarding this
- Does this want to be extended to industries such as leisure etc – Anything with potential Asbestos contact
- Discussion regarding difficulty getting contact into Institute of Apprenticeships
- Prospects of forming links to CITB

### **ii) Guidance on 'Duty to Manage' guidance for Duty Holders**

- Subgroup has developed a working draft of the guidance.
- The subgroup then talked the main group through the guidance, which opened discussion regarding content
  - i. Discussion regarding the continuum of content vs. concision
  - ii. There was a consensus towards inclusion of stronger wordings, such as 'must' rather than 'may'. Publication via the group / ConIAC rather than as an HSE publication could allow for this
- Discussion regarding how to cascade this guidance to SMEs
- Aim to complete the guidance for 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 'No Time To Lose' Asbestos phase launch date via IOSH
- Group started to amend draft document during the meeting but it was agreed that IS, AK and JMG would take it away and complete the revision before sending it back to members for final agreed comment.

## **6. IOSH No Time to Lose – Planned campaign effort on asbestos**

- Simon Butt-Bethendy, PR and Campaign Manager for IOSH, presented on the latest efforts around IOSH's 'No Time to Lose' Campaign and preparations for the 1 February phase launch date
- Action: Members to forward asbestos photos to Simon/JMG for campaign
- Opened floor for discussion of improvements to the campaign and campaign resources
  - Discussed the feasibility of approaching insurance companies to help highlight the campaign

- Opportunities for development of campaign in future for targeting schools and raising awareness of the issues therein
- IS pointed IOSH to look at previous HSE Campaigns: *Hidden Killer* and *Beware Asbestos*.
- Action: IOSH to invite group members to attend London summit and to exhibit if they wish (free of charge)

#### **6. AOB.**

- Launch of FAAM – Faculty of Asbestos Management in October discussed
- Lone working asbestos issues, how general H&S is managed for lone workers was agreed to be tabled as an agenda item at the next meeting
- Action: DB to prepare a brief 1 page paper for next meeting to stimulate discussion on HSL research such as e.g. Asbestos removal in relatively small spaces project
- TS Action: Group to forward their contact details to Tim Shambrook
- Thanks to IS for his chairmanship and best wishes in his retirement

#### **7. Date for next meetings: to be confirmed / amended as appropriate in aligning them to ConIAC WG meetings:**

Wed 14 February – HSE office, Hornbeam House, Crewe. CW1 6GL

Wed 25 April - TBC

Wed 26 September - TBC