

Don't miss...

EABLI A.G.M. and Fieldhouse Conversation

Wednesday October 19th
West Stow Country Park Visitor Centre,
6.30pm

In memory of Ken Fieldhouse, EABLI hold an annual conversation between eminent practitioners from our region. This year's conversation will see Liz Lake (Liz Lake Associates), interviewed by Christopher Stratton (The Landscape Partnership) and will discuss Liz's life and work in the sphere of landscape. This evening always provides an interesting insight into the career paths and achievements of local practitioners and assesses changes that have taken place in our profession.

The AGM will follow the conversation at approx. 8.30pm and we are hoping that some of you may like to consider standing for the EABLI committee. The committee meets approximately once every 6 weeks and is a lively mixed group of regional representatives that put together events and newsletters for the region. It does not necessitate a huge time commitment and we would welcome new members, please call Lucy or Kirsten for details (01394 380509)

Please meet at The Visitor Centre, Icklingham Road, West Stow, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 6HG. For catering purposes please can you let us know if you are coming, there will be small charge for refreshments.

Upcoming events...

7th December 2005
Cambridge Botanic Garden

Art and Landscape

The annual Practitioner's evening will explore working with artists in landscape projects. It is a chance to promote the work of your authority or practice to others in the field.

We are looking for speakers to present an aspect of their work that has involved commissioning or working with artists. If you would like to give a short presentation (15 mins), please get in touch with Lucy on the number below.



EABLI Planning Seminar:
Landscape Places and People
Thursday 15th November

Please see enclosed the booking form for EABLI's seminar 'Landscape Planning and People'. This is aimed at all Landscape consultants and aims to cover the recent changes to planning legislation, and other guidance, including trees in relation to construction (BS:5837).

This will count for a quarter of your annual CPD requirement, required by the LI, and promises to be very useful so we hope to see you there!

August Review - Summer BBQ

EABLI members enjoyed a pleasant evening at Coton Country Park where project manager, and EABLI chairwoman, Carolin Gohler hosted a BBQ. The weather was great and the food was even better!

Carolin did a short tour of the grounds and talked about the history and work being undertaken to manage the park.



BRANCHLINES

A Report from the LI Council Meeting July 4th 2005

Our new DG Marion Bowman has been in her post since August 1st, so the July meeting was the last Council with Christine Jackson as acting DG. She reported that the Open Day was a big success. She said that we should all be promoting *Landscape* as the official magazine of the LI. It was discovered that many universities no longer subscribe to the journal. Marco Forgione asked members to e-mail names and postal addresses of potential subscribers to him. When given the opportunity to purchase the subscriber list from Landscape Design Trust the LI decided not to do so, but now they are having to contact previous subscribers. Subscription marketing is expensive and the LI do not have the resources.

Expert Database Ian Phillips asked for interested members to put themselves forward as experts for the database.

Honorary Members The LI are re-running the voting procedure as the previous one had been very hurried. A new system with formal proposal papers will be put in place shortly so if members would like to put forward names of potential honorary members, nominations should go directly to Council or through the Branch Rep.

The visit of the **Chinese Delegation** had taken up a huge amount of time and effort but the LI are currently discussing three areas of possible collaboration; education and accreditation, possible student exchanges and the sharing of best practices. Our President acknowledged the difficulties inherent in implementing projects in China but Nigel Thorne expressed his personal view that this could provide enormous opportunities for our members.

Joe Gardiner, editor of *Landscape*, reminded us that **Landscape and Vista** can be used to circulate information to members. Christine Jackson was concerned about the Data Protection Act with regards to branches asking for lists of members in order to contact them directly in order to advertise events, particularly if the event was profit making.

The LI has re-tendered for the **Web-site** and whilst this has been a frustratingly slow process, Marco Forgione assured us this was now top priority.

The post of **PPE Development Consultant** was in the process of being recruited. The postholder would develop mentors and candidates and publicise the new system.

The **library's catalogue** was now accessible on-line, and the library has launched a project to preserve papers of significance to the profession.

The **IFLA/EFLA fee dispute**. Kathryn Moore updated us on the history of this. The LI had objected to paying three sets of fees, IFLA world, IFLA Central Region and EFLA. As a result we left EFLA. KM has subsequently met the EFLA and IFLA Presidents to resolve this, and a protocol has been agreed that IFLA Central will be taken over by EFLA. The IFLA World Congress in Edinburgh had been an extraordinary event, said Kathryn Moore, but she added that the costs and time involved in running the conference had been considerable and in her opinion, in future the LI should not undertake such large events without greater support. Information and abstracts would be available on the web-site.

National Plant Specification Nigel Thorne had been asked by the Exec Com to investigate why the LI was no longer involved with the NPS. He explained there had been a long and complex history of LI involvement with the product and its associated Helios CD-ROM. He met with contacts from the HTA and CS dDesign who produce Helios. It now appeared that LI members would be able to access the NPS for free on CD-ROM and in future on-line, as long as the Institute were prepared to assist in promoting the product. Members would be under no obligation to purchase the additional Helios software. NT felt that the LI should attempt to support the adoption of a national standard if there was no cost to the LI.

The **Education Committee** need new blood so if any members want to become more involved this is your opportunity. The Council also want to encourage more people to come forward to Honorary posts.

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