

**BRITISH LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY**  
Committee Meeting  
University of Cambridge, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003, 12.45pm

**Present:** Mary O'Neill, Mikhail Osipov, Maureen Neal, Mike Hird, John Goodby (Chair), Bill Crossland, Andy Cammidge, Helen Gleeson, Tim Wilkinson

**Apologies:** Richard Miller. Tim Wilkinson was welcomed as the new Ordinary Member of the Committee and it was noted that Cliff Jones was re-elected. Sally Day was thanked for her work over the past years on the Committee.

**1. Annual Meeting 2004 (to consider a venue)**

Three possible venues have been identified, Manchester (Helen Gleeson), Coventry (Maureen Neal), Exeter (Garry Lester). The meeting will take place 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004 (and 21st to 25th March 2005). If all venues have availability for those dates, Coventry is preferred, then Manchester, then Exeter.

**2. One-day meetings (WC, MO'N, HG)**

Report by MO'N in minutes of previous meeting. WC had proposed a 1-day meeting on the application of LCs to photonics & electronics. Timing was discussed and since there are several other conferences over the summer, it may be optimal to hold the meeting in Cambridge after Christmas. HG reported that the joint meeting with the Optical Group of the IoP on SLMs will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2003.

**3. Dates of Winter Workshop 2003**

This will be held from 14-16<sup>th</sup> December 2003. Hull University is extending the semester leaving little gap prior to Christmas so that using University accommodation for the Workshop is impossible. The option of hotel accommodation will be considered and is likely to be £35 per night, causing a minor price increase, the 1<sup>st</sup> in 5 years. The cost of the Workshop is therefore likely to be approximately £140 (from £120).

**4. BLCS representation on SID**

This will be Bill Crossland and Helen Gleeson who are SID members.

**5. Date of next meeting**

12.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2003 in the Armstrong Siddeley Building, Coventry University.

**6. Any other business**

JWG expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to Roy for his valued input over the past years as Chair of the Committee.

It was noted that there are significant retirements from the committee next year so members should be proactive requesting nominations.

**Actions from this meeting:**

- MN and HG to determine conference venues for 2004/5
- WC to make arrangements for 1-day meeting on telecommunications
- MH to examine hotel accommodation options for winter workshop