British Liquid Crystal Society

Minutes of the BLCS Committee Meeting held on 29th March 2007, University of Sheffield.

1. Present:

Helen Gleeson (Vice Chair) Martin Bates (Secretary), Avtar Matharu (Treasurer), Georg Mehl, Goran Ungar, Chris Newton, Susanne Klein, Tim Wilkinson, Andrew Cammidge, Peter Raynes.

Apologies: Corrie Imrie (Chair), Stephen Cowling.

Peter Raynes was welcomed to the committee.

2. Annual meeting 2008

Andrew Cammidge gave an update on the 2008 meeting to be held 17-19 March at UEA / John Innes centre. Accommodation (60 places) will be in guest suites, with students in hotels in town. Prices not yet set. Internationalisation of the BLCS meeting was briefly discussed. People not working in the UK are more than welcome to attend the meeting. The traditional format of mainly younger (UK based) speakers giving 20 minute presentations is to be retained, and no change is to be made to the length of the meeting.

Annual meeting 2009

This meeting will be held at HP conference facilities in Bristol. CN and SK to look into accommodation.

3. One day meetings

After the success of the flexo-electric meeting last September, we will try to keep a yearly autumn one day meeting. Suggestions for topics will come from AGM / Chair's closing remarks at the BLCS annual conference.

4. Winter workshop

This will run as usual in Hull in the week before Christmas. Mike Hird to confirm dates.

5. Newsletter

The editor (Tim Wilkinson) asked for contributions. Contributions will include: Young Scientist article, Grey medal (HG), Hilsum medal (EPR), conference summary (York students), outgoing Chair's statement (HG). Additional contributions from committee or society members will be gladly accepted.

6. Date of next meeting

September 2008. Date not confirmed as Chair not present.