



UKELA BTF meeting, 2.00 pm, 11 July 2018 - Shoosmiths, London
draft NOTES of MEETING

Attending:

Angus Evers (Co-chair)
Begonia Filgueira (Co-chair)
Andrew Bryce (Past co-chair)
Richard Macrory (Past co-chair)
Peter Harvey (Chair of BTF sub-group)
Nina Pindham (Trustee)
Penny Latorre (Trustee, WP Co-ordinator)
Colin Reid (Dundee University)
Bridget Marshall (SEPA)
Paul Davies (Latham & Watkins)
Caroline Fielder (Environment Agency)
Alison Boyd (Operations Director)
Paul Stookes (WP & Brexit Advisor)
Christophe Bondy (guest)

1. Apologies

Francis Jacobs, Anne Johnstone, Richard Wald, Philip Hunter, Karen Blair, Christian Jowett, Haydn Davies, Stephen Tromans QC, Bob Lee, Eloise Scotford, Richard Barlow, Stephen Hockman QC, Jill Crawford, Andrew Wiseman, Francis McManus, Patrick Duffy, Peter Dixon, Stephen Sykes.

2. Minutes of last meeting (approved)

3. No specific matters arising

4. Brexit, trade and the environment

Invited guest, Christophe Bondy, lawyer at Cooley LLP, gave a comprehensive review to the meeting on trade issues. He noted that the so-called Chequers plan should offer some comfort on environmental law issues, but the regulatory alignment proposed was for goods only. The key difference between a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and being part of the Single Market was that of checks and compliance. Any goods manufactured from a member of the SM are good to go once complete; with FTA there will remain a requirement to prove compliance. There would remain the issue of standards within EU countries being higher than any covered by trade deals and so UK goods would require to carry the same high standards as at present if trade with individual countries was to continue as now.

5. EPG Condoc draft UKELA response inc points raised by WP and members

Key areas discussed and clarified for further review and drafting. ABr and PH agreed to take on next steps of drafting and to prepare further draft within 7 days

6. Scottish further report (still not published)

CR updated general view, wait until after EPG condoc and latest developments in Scotland – moving very fast and likely to miss something if publish at present time. Wait until autumn and review at next BTF.

With regard to the International Annex, this could be published on the website and in elaw.

PS/AB to action.

7. Secondary waste legislation report (still not published)

This was not yet published. agreed wait until EPG subs in. Then AB/PS ***to liaise with Simone Davidson*** at Lexis Nexis (now a trustee).

8. Meeting(s) with Defra on Brexit

- Meeting PH and RM meet with David Minotti @ Defra on 18.7.18
- RM and NP to attend Defra consult meetings

9. EPG Condoc, meetings with other organisations

Meeting 24 July 2018, 9.00 am, Chief Judge of the Land & Environment Court of NSW Australia – to meet by Skype to discuss his recent paper *Characteristics of successful environmental courts and tribunals*.

10. AOB including date of next meeting

Next meeting: 2.00 pm, 4.10.18, hosted by BF at Foot Anstey. Lunch provided from 1.30pm.

Possible standards setting event in conjunction with IEMA – **PS to follow up.**

Top 10 issues list from Richard Macrory – BF/AE to review.