BCS GreenIT SG
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 at the BCS, London, 18.00hrs

Various apologies for absence were received by the Secretary

1. Minutes of the previous AGM
The minutes of the 2013/2014 AGM held on Tuesday 4 November 2014
At BCS, London, (proposed by J Booth, seconded by C Pattinson, agreed by the meeting)

2. Matters arising from the 2013/2014 AGM
There were no matters arising, that were not otherwise included in the business of the meeting

3. SECRETARY'S Report
As at end September 2015, the GreenIT SG had 1,334 members, which is a net loss of 128 members from the 2014 total of 1,462, however 125 were recruited in 2015, so total membership decrease was 253 members.
This year 349 (26.2%) of the GreenIT SG members are located overseas, compared with 399 (26%) last year. An analysis of the UK membership by branch was also discussed,

During this year, the Specialist Group has undertaken various activities
John Booth has continued to input into a number of International Standards committees around Data Centre efficiency, and with Bob and Alex has set up Sustainable ICT for London (SfL) a new organisation working with the Data Centre Alliance (DCA) and others to bring together businesses with significant ICT operations in London to improve their efficiency and provide innovative solutions to challenges face by the GLA in delivering their Smart London plan

Richard Lanyon-Hogg developed a set of practical demonstrations of readily available and cheap technologies to show the principles of the Internet of Things – these were successfully run at a members event in London in April

Bob Crooks had secured a BCS stand and delivered a presentation at the annual International Science and Information (SAI) event – this year held in London (28/29 July), and it is hoped that at the next year's conference, a work-stream dedicated to green and efficient IT can be arranged

Other member events included a Webinar (What is a sustainable Data Centre) and joint events with branch members at London (3), Luton (1), and Southampton (1)

Future activities
Thursday 29 October 2015 - Fish and Chips (A Fishy IoT!)
Speaker: Bob Crooks MBE, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Chair of the BCS GreenIT SG
Time: 6pm for 6:30 start, *at Southampton Solent University, room RM 321 on the 3rd floor of the in the Reginald Mitchell Building,*
Joint meeting with BCS Hampshire Branch, BCS GreenIT SG and Southampton Solent University,

A new venture for the Group….
Work in hand with Leeds Beckett University's audio visual group to record a video of Richard Llanyon Hogg's Internet of Things demonstrators Committee hope to be able to share with members and branches in the spring !

2014/2015 GreenIT Competition for HE and FE students

A competition seeking a "Future Vision" strap line for Green ICT in 2024 was held, and the winner was **Aldous Rees**, for his proposal of a Green Solution to Ocean Plastic Pollution
Aldous presented his proposals at a members event in Southampton and twice in London and gave an update to members in a presentation following the AGM

2015/2016 GreenIT Student and Open Competition

Theme "Make IT Good for Society", looking forward 10 years,, was announced

Entry required 2 power point slides, the 1st as a visual poster of the idea, the 2nd containing a description of what is proposed, using text etc, with a closing date of 31 March 2016

All members could submit an entry. There are two entry categories

- Student category covering all students at Universities or other Higher Education or Further Education establishments in the UK or abroad. They could submit entries either as Individuals or as a Group. All entries should be collated for each establishment by someone who was willing to assist as point of contact (not necessary to be a BCS member)
- individual BCS members could submit entries either as individual or as a Group containing at least one BCS member, whether in the UK and Overseas.

The Specialist Group thanks all the speakers, especially Richard Lanyon-Hogg, Bob Crooks, John Booth, and Aldous Rees, also to thank the University of Bedford and Southampton Solent University for their sponsorship of joint events

The GreenIT SG Committee held two Face to face meetings, and sustained a regular weekly committee telephone conference call

The Specialist Group would be delighted to hear from any organisations, branches or other SGs that would be interested in joint events and/or sponsoring meetings.

Margaret Ross (Secretary, GreenIT SG)
(proposed by J Booth, seconded by A Bardell, agreed by the meeting)

4.TREASURER'S REPORT
The Treasurer reported that the Budget allocation was £1,000 for 2014/2015
Main expenses were:
Travel/Subsistence (London for committee meetings and travel for presentations);
Catering – (AGM and 2 committee meetings face to face; Speakers expenses;
Publicity & Materials/Other general costs

Budget spent (to August 2014) was   £721.41, which consisted of:
Travel & Subsistence (i)   £375.30
Catering (ii)   £262.01
Speakers Expenses (iii)   £36.90
Publicity & Materials   £5.20
Other Costs General   £42.00
(i) Chiefly branch events, Committee meetings predominantly audio conferences
(ii) AGM, Meeting, London, November 2014 and other meetings.
(iii) There have been a number of GreenIT SG events held this year.
The GreenIT SG had stayed well within budget.
No application for additional funding has been put forward, but will be likely in the next
year.
Telephone conferencing for meetings and webinars have greatly reduced the cost to
holding physical meetings and events, and is convenient to committee members in
various locations across the country.

The GreenIT SG budget has been increased for 2015/6, to £1,245, and extra funds can
be made available for particular needs/events.
The Green IT Committee continues to lead an active group pursuing a critical agenda
for the BCS and a vital need for UK PLC.
 Denise Orme (Treasurer, GreenIT)
(proposed by B Crooks , seconded by A Bardell the report was agreed by the
meeting)

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chair thanked the officers who have supported the Committee so well throughout the
year - John Booth (Vice Chair), Margaret Ross (Secretary) and Denise Oram (Treasurer)
Also the committee for all their work and commitment in developing and promoting the SG
and the Green ICT agenda, especially Richard Lanyon-Hogg for the IoT demonstrators,
Colin Pattinson for pushing on with the Education theme and John Booth for his work on the
International Standards committees and with CEEDA and the Data Centre Code of Conduct
Special thanks to Kerry Wear and the BCS Members Group team at Swindon and the BCS
HQ London staff for their help and support in accommodating our work!

We set ourselves three themes for 2015 and have made some progress on each
Education (led by Colin Pattinson)
        Statement of intent agreed
        Discussions underway with BCS L&D lead to develop new products
        What would Members see as helpful ?
Internet of Things (led by Richard Lanyon-Hogg)
        Set of demonstrators developed and presented and a video planned
        Presentation on Fish tracker technologies
Energy (led by John Booth)
        Work on standards committees , webinar
        Have set up SustainabilTy For London (SFL)

For the future, we must improve engagement of members in our work, and conduct a survey
seeking seeking member views and inputs… do we
        Continue with the themes ?
        Continue with programme of successful Webinars? If so what subjects?
        Develop more information and guidance, if so on what?
        Revive communications to provide a coherent, timely and relevant web presence,
        repository and gateway between BCS and the outside world on Green IT

We are seeking Closer engagement with BCS L&D (Chris Fraklin) in taking forward our Education and training theme and will continue to create and sustain partnerships with Industry, Academia, and other SGs

Bob Crooks (Chairman, GreenIT SG
(proposed by M Ross, seconded by M Barnes, agreed by the meeting)

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
The following were elected for the GreenIT Committee for 2015/2016
Chairman: Bob Crooks . (proposed by M Ross, seconded by R Lanyon-Hogg)
Vice Chair: John Booth (proposed by M Ross, seconded by R Lanyon-Hogg)
Secretary/Membership Secretary: Margaret Ross (proposed by R Crooks, seconded by C Pattinson)
Treasurer/: Denise Orme, (proposed by R Crooks, seconded by C Pattinson)

Committee (proposed by M Ross, seconded by M Barnes, was elected en block)
Ezendu Ariwa, Alexander Bardell, Neil Gordon, Richard Lanyon-Hogg, Santana Luis and Colin Pattinson

Viktoriya Boyan and Peter Hopton had not indicated they wished to stand again for the Committee nor had they sent apologies. Presuming they now longer were able to help with our work they were thanked for their previous involvement with the committee

Other nominees invited from the floor

Proposed new committee member, Aldous Rees as YPG rep (proposed by M Ross, seconded by R Crooks)

7. Any Other Business

The suggestion was made for another survey to identify particular interests of the members, together with brief regular e-mails that might contain links to other sources of information of interest both to members in the UK and overseas

It was suggested that the issue of "bad coding" was draining energy and that case studies for this and other relevant topics should be sought for use at universities, colleges and schools.

It was agreed that we should post out regular emails with bullets on new green or sustainable ICT developments

(11 attended the AGM in person)