



Construction Industry Advisory Committee (CONIAC)

Acting Together Steering Group

Promoting broader ownership of
health and safety in Great Britain

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Meeting of the CONIAC Acting Together Steering Group (SG)

Wednesday 8th September 2021, 10:00-13:00hrs

Via MS Teams

Attendees

Sarah Jardine - HSE, Head of Construction Division, Chair CONIAC
Peter Crosland – (CECA) Chair of Tackling Ill Health WG
Clive Johnson - (IIRSM) Chair of Managing Risk Well WG
Tony Putsman – Deputising - (CIC) Chair of Keeping Pace with Change WG
Gren Tipper - CCLG, Operations Director
Daniel Shears – GMB, National Safety Advisor
Sarah Shore – HSE, Head of Construction Sector & Policy Division - Vice Chair CONIAC
Alastair Mitchel - Strategy, Planning and Policy Unit, Construction Sector
Joseph Mitchell - HSE, Strategy, Planning and Policy Unit, Construction Sector
Tim Beaumont – HSE, Strategy, Planning and Policy Unit, Construction Sector
Carol Chaffer - BEIS, Head of the Business Facing Department Programme
Steve Walker – CITB, Head of Training and Development Strategy at CITB
Rob Miguel - Unite the Union, National Safety Advisor
James Butcher – Deputising (National Federation of Builders) Supporting Small Employers WG

**Blue are yet to confirm attendance/or that of a deputy*

Apologies

Gary Mees - (CIC) Chair of Keeping Pace with Change WG
Sue Brandrick - Strategy, Planning and Policy Unit, Construction Sector
Dylan Roberts – Skanska
Steven Hedley - (CIAT) Chair of Supporting Small Employers WG
Fergus Harradence – BEIS, Deputy Director Construction - Tentative

Number	Agenda Item & Actions	Official to Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Sarah J introduced Sarah S, Welcomed into Russells position and explained it is Sarah's first CONIAC meeting. Sarah S gave words of introduction and gave some background information.</p> <p>Brief introductions given from all attendees.</p>	
2	<p>Actions/matters arising from previous meeting held 2nd June 2021</p> <p>Health in construction leadership group – CJ gave update on HCLG strategy meeting Due to take place next week. A lot of work done on this particular campaign. SS endorsed this.</p> <p>SS gave update on Tier one forum – had meeting to look at how industry can mirror inspector campaign. Focussing on awareness of respiratory health. Working with HCLG and T1 forum to look at how industry can contribute toward this. Produced a</p>	

	<p>questionnaire that they will produce on site and what information and data they use. Focus on finding good practise and innovation.</p> <p>SJ put emphasis on how people will measure the impact of these tactics.</p> <p>TB – master list of CONIAC products -</p> <p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information with industry. RM to share information regarding specific illnesses in the industry that require attention. Work related factors that are leading to ill health. Liaise with SS for this. Wider Communications. • Produce master list of CONIAC products. 	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Tim Beaumont</p>
3	<p>Coordination – CONIAC & CLC workstreams</p> <p>SJ – Talked about the completed actions from previous meeting regarding the PoC and circulating these to the ATSG members. Looking for feedback from members on examples of when WGs have collaborated with their industry counterparts.</p> <p>SJ – Design Risk Education research. Gary Mees has been making connections within the CLC skills workstream, work that started in CONIAC is being taken forward with the skills workstream. Will have an update on this going forward as this is on their agenda and is in their plans. Gary Mees is following this up aggressively.</p> <p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback to SJ to be able to demonstrate what working well together looks like in practise. 	<p>Joseph Mitchell / Tim Beaumont</p>
4	<p>CONIAC Web Presence + WWT update</p> <p>Web Presence</p> <p>SW – Gave update on where we are up to with the web presence issue. Gave information on SCSS and their resources. Had conversation with SCSS which was positive. Ian Heptonstall, director, we met with him, he said yes let us take this proposal to another meeting. They have space for H&S within their current curriculum. From a board perspective they have recognised that they do want this going forward. The next stage is outlining the official ask/ offer. CITB leadership is on the SCSS board sso SW will get an inside view on this closer to the time.</p> <p>AM – Written a MoU which has been forwarded to Ian Heptonstall. He wanted to go through a few points of the MoU. The SCSS board have a meeting on 21st Sep, the web presence is now an agenda item at this meeting. Ian will go through what is proposed and gop through the MoU. HSE providing the secretariat. Very good meeting.</p> <p>WWT Update</p> <p>AM – Some face to face events are due to take place over virtual events. Taking place at Walsall FC stadium. Continuing with virtual events, eg North Yorkshire has one</p>	

	<p>coming up in October. Other groups doing similar, do have the WWT steering Group due to take place 1st October. Good opportunity for AM to ask what events they have planned. Should have a better idea of what is going forward after this. Some committee members have had to stand down due to economic reasons relating to covid and its effects.</p> <p>SJ – Mentioned that the virtual events opened up avenues to reach a wider target audience, sees the benefits to having a hybrid model of f2f and virtual events.</p> <p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM to set up a meeting between SW, SJ and AM to talk through updates. Speak with Cassie to sort out SJ calendar. • AM to add getting feedback from groups running virtual events and how they are finding this method of working. • TB list of legacy products and to circulate to chairs. 	<p>Alastair Mitchell</p> <p>Alastair Mitchell</p> <p>Tim Beaumont</p>
5	<p>Working Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPWC – TP gave update on WG, more information available in WG report previously circulated. • TIH – PC gave update on WG, more information available in WG report previously circulated. 2nd project – occupational health in construction document from back in 2015. Interest in how the SCSS develops in relation to this. Welfare is also being looked at. Industry will contribute to look at different welfare requirements. Work related stress. • MRW - CJ gave update on WG, more information available in WG report previously circulated. 6300 visits to the web page in under a year. HSG168 is in revision. Final proof reads going on. PR chairs working at height group-provided a matrix around working at height. Hosted currently by access industry forum. Putting together information around safe installation and maintenance of solar panels. Also working on domestic RMI. • SSE – JB/GT gave update on WG, more information available in WG report previously circulated. <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP to ask JM to circulate doing CDM differently material. KPWC. • GT share communications plan with JM/TB to circulate. • Communications to be added as a regular ATSG agenda item going forward. • CJ to meet with Peter Caplehorn to discuss building safety liasion between CLC and CONIAC. 	<p>Tony Putsman/Joseph Mitchell</p> <p>Joseph Mitchell</p>
6	<p>Asbestos House Update (SSE item)</p> <p>JB – AsbNet developing a new flow chart of risk which is really useful for employers. Our immediate thoughts where that is useful but where do I go for more information and advice. What we wanted to do is can we support this with a joint piece of work. JB explained the efficacy of the flow chart and the audience. QR code works and takes you through to the risk profiling page which is effectively a summary of the flow chart.</p>	

	<p>Includes information on PPE and RPE and how it should be used. Reminder is included for the appropriate training.</p> <p>AM – added that the retrofit and refurbishment guidance that HSE are working on will follow the same format as this document. Highlighted that it is critical that we make sure to hit the right target audience and market it effectively.</p> <p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNITE to badge the asbnet flow chart. JB and RM to discuss this offline. Updates at next ATSG. • Check with comms that the red doesn't clash with any HSE branding/ colour scheme limitations. 	<p>James Butcher/ Rob Miguel</p> <p>Alastair Mitchell</p>
7	<p>Working on your house - a trusted guide for home owners/ Construction for Consumers. (RPF)</p> <p>TB – Arising from the first research we did in 2018. Ready to start development of the app. We discovered the Regulators Pioneer Fund. We put in an unsuccessful bid but got some positive feedback to try again in the future and amend the bid accordingly. CLC and RMI route are still ongoing. Unless we can get funding to take this development further, we will have to mothball. We cannot take it any further without funding. Support and funding from the wider industry.</p>	
8	<p>CDM Standards</p> <p>TB – BSI standard on how to implement CDM. Any thoughts you have had about this already? PAS coming from the BSR project -</p> <p>GT – BSI have tendency to go and sell the product.</p> <p>Action Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To draft a response on behalf of CONIAC to BSI. 	<p>Tim Beaumont</p>
9	<p>TU Update</p> <p>RM – Producing a lot of documents to engage with the industry. Education another important factor, running courses on mental health through to working from height. Have sector committees, all information produced here is forwarded to sector committee to be disseminated. Sometimes run lunch time sessions to accommodate people. RM just been appointed to industry competence committee. Important to know they are already engaged with partnerships that have competency issues, engineering in construction.</p> <p>DS – Internal reorganisation going on, no final version has been provided to us yet. Different from UNITE as they are sectorised by regional instead of industry. Still dealing with a lot of queries re post covid occupational health in the industry. Longer covid symptoms are having an effect on rehabilitation in the industry.</p> <p>BEIS UPDATE</p> <p>CC – no update. In terms of wider policy for the team, the key priorities are everything to do with build back better, net zero, cop 26, levelling up.</p>	

10	<p>W&P Select Committee</p> <p>TB – Asbestos issues - duty to manage is something they will be looking at. Comparisons weith other nations. We are positive about this. Good opportunity to see what we can doo better. In our submission we are saying that we can only see further pressure due to the retrofiting agenda.</p> <p>We don't feel like we have any reason to not treat this an an opportunity to say what we do better with asbestos.</p> <p>GMB & UNITE – both putting through a submission.</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>Next CONIAN EVENT – Should be booked as a virtual event. We will reconvene at another time to decide upon time and date.</p> <p>HCLG WGs – GT - Met with Michelle O’Sullivan, had a good meeting to do with 3 workstreams within the HCLG are still very active, very successful respiratory summit with RVT. They are attending one of our CECA events in future. Ongoing working processes with noi particular outputs right now. Mental Health focussed on post covid, picking up an increase in levels of anxiety of those returning to work and those who are still at home. What kind of advice we can provide. Currently trying top put together the post covid return to work guidance and best practise in regards to mental health. Focus on prevention not cure.</p> <p>Action Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG leads to meet and discuss what sensible topics we should cover in the next CONIAN event. <p>Dates for future meetings: Wed 1st Dec 14-17.00hrs</p>	All Members