



ClfA London Area Group Annual Report 2016/17

Commencing the group year with the AGM debate on The future of London's archaeology; speakers from ClfA, GLAAS and CgMs /RPS, introduced and discussed aspects of the impact the proposed loosening of planning controls might have on our ability to do archaeology in London. This was followed by the AGM where all the existing committee members retired having served full terms. Three new committee members were elected, and several individuals volunteered; the new committee being made up to its full strength subsequently through co-opting these and further volunteers.

Continuing our fruitful relationship with IHBC we again held a joint day conference at Alan Baxter's Gallery venue in Cowcross Street EC1. HELP! - Getting the Historic Environment into Local Plans-and the London Plans; examined the theory, policy and implementation behind the inclusion of historic environment policies in local plans. Richard Parish, Historic Places Adviser, Historic England spoke about Heritage in Local Plan-making, Sandy Kidd, Principal Archaeology Advisor (GLAAS) Historic England, covered Archaeological Priority Areas, in conjunction with Borough Local Plan reviews. David Divers of MOLA provided a case study and Isabelle Adams gave the viewpoint from Crossrail 2.

The first of our CPeasyD events "Environmental Samples; When, why, and how to take them" was presented by Sylvia Warman (Historic England Science Advisor for London) in May. The event, sponsored by CgMs, was attended by 24 delegates. CPeasyD is a series of half hour informative and educational presentations, with half an hour to discuss the topic and put questions to industry leading experts. The series - designed to be of particular interest to archaeologists in the PCIfA grade looking to gain some wider knowledge about commercial archaeology in London, continues with events in October, November and January; all are sponsored by London archaeological organisations.

A debate will again be held preceding our 2017 AGM on 13th September: "A crisis of upcoming work", will examine the impact the volume and scale of projects planned over the coming years may have on our ability to do archaeology in London.