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APM South East Branch

Branch report 2021-22

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- Learn new skills
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APM Branch - 2022 to the future



The current SE Branch committee consists of 7 members and we try and meet once a month. Over the last few years these have been virtual meetings but we are now mixing with some virtual and some face to face.

Our face to face committee meetings are held at a convenient facility, typically a hotel function room and we do receive a light “supper” to help us through the meeting and entitled to any travel expenses. Our group are a very friendly group and we do have fun during our discussions which are generally around future events we are considering for our local area.

We have a mixture of events and now that restrictions have been lifted we will be seeking our first face to face workshops for real people to attend and enjoy the event with like-minded project professionals (of all standards) exchanging experiences and general discussions.

We have all missed the pleasure of idle chatter and getting to know like-minded people from all types of business, general networking and socialising over a drink (coffee I’m afraid) and a hot beverage.

Our subject matters can be on any issue, our latest were on sustainability, and the role of data in projects. We had a trilogy of virtual events following the lifting of restrictions discussing how individuals and companies have ventured back out into the environment and returned to something of normality – although working in projects, normality is an unusual word to use!

Going forward we will be continuing our virtual meetings and our concept of “the project managers garden shed meeting” whereby we raise a subject matter for the attendees to discuss and give their experiences, we have had to hold some twice due to oversubscribing.

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APM Branch - 2022 to the future



We are hoping to hold our annual “BBQ” workshop where we meet face to face and discuss a topic and enjoy a BBQ after while networking.

Our Branch is a friendly group who like to offer our members some good discussions, learnings and even inspirations for their daily life, we have had shared workshops with other likeminded organisation such as ImechE and CIOB and held events with corporates and higher education establishments within the south east.

We have a great spread of knowledge and experience within our Branch Committee from the old, experiences practitioners to young practitioners just out of university and starting at their first employment. The age and gender mix is refreshing and as Chairman I am very lucky and thankful for having such a great bunch of people willing to give up a few hours a month to help our profession and Association. We have chartered professionals, term served professionals and highly education novices just beginning their journey into project management.

As always we welcome anyone who wishes to join our committee and share the benefits we gain from providing valuable workshops to fellow professionals

Going forward our focus will be on providing insight into the increasing need for sustainable projects, zero carbon and the green environment. We will be seeking to develop our relationships with our further education colleges and universities within our region together with establishing again relationships with our corporates lost for a while during lockdown as well as sharing events with likeminded organisations. We desperately would like to hold our annual BBQ again as well as our branch membership favourite quiz night.

- Tony Noakes, APM South East Branch Chair



APM Branch activity report 2021-22



- Activities included
- Why data matters webinar
- Venturing out of the PM Shed - held twice
Discussion event – no recording
- Data Competency: Better Skills or Better Systems webinar