

Essex Industrial Archaeology Group (EIAG)

Terms of reference



EIAG was launched in July 2013 as a sub-group of the Essex Society for Archaeology and History (ESAH) and was established to provide a way forward for industrial archaeology in Essex.

Aims of EIAG

Research and record industries in Essex and their sites, in order to assist research by others and to help the general public to understand and appreciate Essex's industrial past.

Publish reports on the work of the Group in ESAH's Transactions and Newsletters, other relevant journals, such as Essex Journal, and its own special series of publications.

Initiate and support the preservation of important industrial sites, buildings artefacts and records, co-operating with other groups as appropriate.

Organise a regular programme of speakers, probably during the winter months, inviting guests to lecture on subjects relating to the industrial past in Essex.

Organise a regular programme of visits to sites, museums etc. so members can gain a greater understanding of the history and preservation of Essex industry.

Work in partnership with other Societies and Groups, in Essex, nationally and internationally, with an interest in Essex's industrial past.

Scope of the EIAG

The scope of Industrial Archaeology covered by EIAG would be at its widest and include all industries which operated historically within Essex:

Primary and extractive industries, including quarrying;

Secondary processing and manufacturing industries, e.g. milling, malting, brewing, brick-making, textiles, foundries, engineering etc.;

Construction industry, including timber and cement manufacturers;

Public utilities - gas, electricity, water supply and sewage, communications;

Fishing and model farms;

Transport infrastructure - roads, inland waterways, ports and railways;

Industrial housing and company villages, including social facilities;

Documentary, photographic and film archives;

Oral, local and family history;

Archaeology and standing building surveys;

Industrial technology, architecture, engineers, entrepreneurs, workers and other people;

Industrial heritage, including museums and promotion of industrial culture to the public.

EIAG Committee

The EIAG Committee consists of the following Officers:

- Chairman
- Vice-chairman
- Secretary
- Membership Services
- Programme Secretary
- Three other members

The Chairman is a Trustee of ESAH and hence sits on ESAH's Council, and otherwise report to Council through the minutes of Committee meetings.

All officers will be appointed each November at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee will identify individuals who would be able to serve on the Committee to help 'succession planning'.

The Committee will publicise the activities of the Group, including preparing its own Newsletter and reports for the Society's Newsletter.

The Committee will meet a minimum of four times a year.