



Summary of TSA Council meeting held on 22nd April 2015

- Mark Combes chaired his first Council meeting as TSA President and thanked Graham Mills again for his efforts over his 5 year term in the role.
- The meeting started with the sad news that, due to pressure of work, Peter Barker was stepping down with immediate effect from Council and therefore as Chairman of the 'Below Ground' Technical Committee. Peter has achieved a great deal for TSA, not least the huge success of the Essential Guide to Utility Surveys, which is undergoing a fifth revision.
- Two more documents have been published on TSA's website recently:
 - Tagging Underground Assets (Client Guide)
 - Instrument Calibration (Briefing Note)
- Download figures of TSA's documents in the first quarter of 2015 are up 91% on the same period in 2014.
- Superb feedback has been received from people, all over the world, downloading the new Guidance Note on Railway Surveying. This has been used in a follow-up feature, requested by Rail Professional magazine.
- TSA has had two articles published recently, in Building Design Construction magazine (on BIM) and also in CES magazine on The Survey School.
- New promotional material is being produced – leaflets, a banner stand for The School and giveaways for GEO Business.
- Five applications for membership are currently being processed.
- Membership stands at 157 companies.
- TSA's group on LinkedIn currently has over 2,800 members and is open to non-members. TSA also has 1,500 followers on Twitter.
- Short courses are now being run at The Survey School, with a Training Course for members of the Dyfed-Powys and Gwent Police forces benefitting from the training.
- Due to demand, an extra TSA Surveying Course may be scheduled to run in the autumn, alongside the existing Course 39 which will start on 7th September.
- A Steering Group has been set up to look at the Accreditation of companies carrying out Utility Surveys.