Call 20251117

OSGeo:UK Committee Meeting 17th November 2025

Agenda / Notes

Present: Nick, Matt, Json, Ant, Dennis, James, Al
Apologies: Dave, Jonny

1. Committee
    a. Roles (see also Operating Procedures document)
        i. Short role definitions needed
    b. Comms
        i. James has put out social media posts on GoFundGeo
        ii. Newsletter: **Al**
            1. Going out in the next few weeks - include something on Discourse. Needs testing / clarification
        iii. Liaison / partnerships (eg GeoMob): **James**
            1. GeoMob are up for partnership
            2. Include presentation on OSGeo:UK (Dennis in London, ask tarmitage@gmail.com for Edinburgh)
        iv. Website: **Dennis**
            1. Dennis has a fork, will test on local GitHub pages. Must be easy to update
        v. Diversity: **Dennis**.
            1. Needs plan for a questionnaire - Ant to create doc for questions to be drafted/ Also PayPal, spreadsheet etc
            2. Questionnaire - "Do you consider yourself a member of OSGeo:UK? Yes | No"
    c. Treasurer handover
        i. Matt has initiated the transfer for Barclays account transfer - to be progressed this weekend. Also PayPal, spreadsheet etc to be transferred. Terradraw invoice to be submitted.
    d. Committee comms: Mailing list: uk-committee@lists.osgeo.org, agreed to use WhatsApp unless there are strong objections
2. FOSS4G 2026/27
    a. Positive engagement from sponsors, Uni of Bristol, possible committee members, call on Wednesday
    b. FOSS4G:UK 2026 - repeat in Leeds if possible - dependent on getting a committee together. Send out call before end of year.
3. Finance update - c £19k in the bank/PayPal.
4. GoFundGeo

    a. So far just qgis2web. Terradraw coming. GISRUK project (referred by Nick) also coming. Remind Tom Chadwin. Al is looking at water project. Dates on website to be changed.

5. Membership of OSGeo:UK
    a. To be looked at next year. Include in questionnaire - are people happy to be on register of members? OSGeo membership - should it be required, bearing in mind complexity? Nick will aim to develop proposal for next meeting / Al will contribute, Ant will set up doc to share proposals.
6. Report from AGI Foresight 13/11
    a. Valuable to be there, very little on tech but some interest in OSGeo.
7. AOB

    Give more notice to members before next call
8. Next call
    a. 12th Jan 2026, 12:00

Call 20251016

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Present: Nick, Dave, Jonny, Json, Ant, James, Al, Dennis, Paul Wittle
Apologies:

9. Committee
    a. Welcome new members
    b. Roles (see also Operating Procedures document) short brief for each role needed, Ant will draft:
        i. Newsletter: **Al**. Some contributions coming in. Next one w/c 20/10
        ii. Comms / Liaison / partnerships (eg GeoMob): Need to formalise - not rely on Nick. Advocacy / outreach should be included. **James** Opportunity at FOSSDEM
        iii. Website: Smaller group needed. Dennis will convene / chair. Json will join
        iv. Diversity: **Dennis**. Suggest inviting women/minority backgrounds to sit in. Need to ensure that we are asking people because of their skills not their ethnicity / gender
    c. Treasurer handover - Matt busy so admin needs to be kicked off - hopefully next week
    d. Committee comms: Mailing list: uk-committee@lists.osgeo.org, WhatsApp / Signal / Discourse?
        i. For Discourse, we could set up sub-topic in OSGeo. Email integration is possible. Need to ensure we don't lose interested people by introducing new platforms. Need OSGeo login. Will trial in committee - Dennis will set up. Discussions would be public.
    e. Consider making meetings open
        i. Meetings would need to be more structured - eg slot at the end for attendees to raise issues
        ii. Non-committee members would be observers
        iii. Agreed to go ahead on this basis.
10. Report from AGM - minutes published. Note that quorum / membership was not technically precise. https://uk.osgeo.org/agm/agm2025minutes.html
11. FOSS4G:UK 2025 report back / follow up (LOC feedback)
    a. Videos now published
    b. Ant will circulate summary to go on website
    c. Really successful, lots of momentum
    d. Lessons learned to be circulated on Discourse (& linked from Operating Procedures doc)
12. Finance update

    a. £7,683 surplus from FOSS4G:UK
    b. £19,351 in the bank
13. GoFundGeo
    a. Funding: £6k agreed
    b. Timing: open for submissions Oct, decisions early Dec
    c. Process: focus on diversity, UK-centric, academic links
14. FOSS4G:UK 2026
    a. In principle agreed if we can get a group together. Ant will send note to mailing list. Include in newsletter
15. FOSS4G 2027 bid
    a. Dennis to check about timing.
    b. Bid document needed - Paul and Dennis to lead
    c. Dennis has access to bid document - will be circulated for input
    d. Note that tourist board may be able to support
16. Membership of OSGeo:UK
    a. Collect diversity info - send survey to mailing list - gender, how they are following us, etc. Be clear what they will get as a member. Ask how we could improve. Dennis will kick off discussion.
17. OSGeo:UK sponsorship
    a. No organisational sponsors at the moment - need to research options and mechanism
18. Website
    a. Dennis convening group
19. Comms actions
    a. [Ant to add]
20. AOB
    a. OSGeo:UK on GeoMob podcast? 25 minutes or so, hosted by Al. Drive interest in GoFundGeo and 2027 bid
21. Next call
    a. First half Nov is fine for the next committee meeting.

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Notes from OSGeo:UK Committee Meeting held 7th July 2025 at 12:30pm.

Present: Ant Scott (Secretary), Nick Bearman (Chair), Dave Barter, Matt Travis (Treasurer), Al Graham, Paul Wittle (invited)
Apologies: Jonny Huck

1. Election of officers

Agreed in principle that officers and committee members should serve maximum three year terms, with ability to stand again, and that the committee should be expanded to nine members. The logistics of this will need to be worked through to ensure continuity, create opportunities for new members to join, and allow members with low participation to be replaced.

2. Update Constitution

A more detailed discussion on updates to the constitution to support the change in approach took place. It was agreed that members would review the proposed changes, with a view to agreeing a proposed updated constitution for discussion at the AGM.

3. Communications: Twitter & Newsletter

It was agreed that we would deactivate our Twitter / X account, and communicate this decision to the membership. Our primary social media channels remain LinkedIn, Bluesky and Mastodon.

4. Events: FOSS4G:UK 2025 update

Ant reported that planning was going well for FOSS4G:UK in Leeds, with most sponsorship slots filled, 23 tickets sold and 13 talk submissions received (ahead of the 18th July deadline). Although the LOC is relatively small, for the time being everything is covered, and we are on budget.

5. Events: FOSS4G Europe bid

Paul reported on his work leading a possible bid for FOSS4G Europe for 2026. The bid would need to be in late Sept / early Oct - OSGeo are aware we are thinking of putting one in. Various locations were discussed, including Bristol, Southampton, Plymouth, Oxford. Paul is compiling a spreadsheet with details. Agreed that a committed core group of at least three would be needed to take things forward - a call will be put out on the OSGeo:UK mailing list and on social media. 2027 is also a possibility, though this is dependent on the international FOSS4G location. Paul was thanked for his efforts in taking this forward.

6. GoFundGeo timing

Agreed that this should be done after the AGM and FOSS4G:UK in a special meeting, when funds availability would be clearer.

7. AGM

This will be held at FOSS4G:UK immediately after a plenary session.

8. Committee membership

Jonny Huck was confirmed as a non-voting co-opted member.

9. Next meeting

A meeting should be held to confirm the proposed constitution changes to be put to the AGM, before the end of August at the latest.