

Gosforth Depot – Site Visit & Network Meeting – 1pm Thursday 25th October 2007

The plan worked like a Swiss watch with Stew at the main entrance and someone riding shotgun at the depot gate. We hope all the attendees were rounded up and arrived safely. Stew greeted Ian Rienewerf, Tony Dodds, Richard Egginton, and Tony Chamberlain.

Site visit – The logistics of large vehicle movements were explained before going onto site. A few of us had to ditch the normal green Hi-Viz gear for the orange version to keep within the industry practice of not wearing any green or red clothing (the usual Stop / Go signal for drivers to adhere to)

Questions and answers – A de-brief about the site tour with any matters arising. Only a few pics as the tour was very interesting with loads of questions as we went around.

Service bays for rolling stock



Work at height gantry for carriage roof work



Networking - around the table for informal chats with fellow professionals and experts.

We talked about the preferred route to gain safety skills and qualifications via NEBOSH, IOSH or CIEH training. Burning issues at work included the potential to implement ISO standards to push the companies forward via continuous improvement.

Ian had some questions about 9001 flow charts. The turtle diagrams appeared to fit the bill after many years of resistance to the format. Answers on a postcard please, if you know of a better way to log product realisation requirements for 20 to 25 risk management services.

Next event = <http://www.irems.co.uk/NQA.pdf>

NQA details for 6th November at 2pm in Newcastle – updates for ISO9001 / 14001 / 18001

Next meeting

Our spring 2008 meeting will be scheduled end of January or early February. Tony Dodds has kindly offered to host this site visit in Newcastle. The building and architecture is worth the visit alone, while the work activities will be useful to anyone with an interest in an office environment, workstation set-up, and employee ergonomics.

John Johnson will be hoping to attend to develop his networking groups within the website H&S for beginners <http://www.healthandsafetytips.co.uk/forums/index.php>

Ian Rienewerf 28th August 2007