



## PEC UK RETAIL BANK DIVISION – COMMUNITY BANK HALIFAX SOUTH

# Christopher Goldthorpe

### Workplace

Burgess Hill 0114

### Posts Held

1987-88 Branch Rep – York Davygate  
1989-91 Branch Rep – Burgess Hill  
1996-99 Health & Safety Rep – Haywards Heath  
2005-date Branch and Health & Safety Rep – Burgess Hill  
1990-91 Area Rep – Redhill Area  
1998-2000 Regional Job Assessments Nominee – South East, London & South East, London South  
1990-91 REC co-opted member – South East  
1991-92 REC member – South East  
1992-94 Vice Chair, REC – South East  
1994-98 Chair, REC – South East  
1998-99 REC member – South East  
1999-2000 Chair, REC – South East  
2000-2003 Vice Chair, REC – London & South East  
2004-date Chair – South East (& formerly London South)  
2000-date Regional Health & Safety Rep, South East (& formerly London & South East, London South)  
1992-date National Executive Committee (NEC) and Principal Executive Council (PEC) member  
1998-2000 Vice Chair, NEC  
2000-2002 Vice President, PEC  
2006-2010 Vice President, PEC  
2008-2010 Chair, PEC Health & Safety Working Party  
2008-2010 Chair, PEC Training Working Party  
1992-date Sub-committees & working parties include Pay, Conference, Training, General Purposes, Membership & Recruitment, Image, Structure, Health & Safety

### Any particular knowledge/experience which you feel may be useful for the position of PEC member.

I have a great interest in Health & Safety matters and have built relationships with the HBOS, now LBG, H&S team. I attend bi-monthly meetings with Retail Propriety. I have contributed to projects conducted jointly between HBOS & LBG and Accord. I have also attended presentations given by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and contributed to their consultation on workplace

temperature last year. I attend the TUC Union Health & Safety Specialists meetings bi-monthly and contribute to work done by them.

In 2009 I represented Accord at the DTI consultation on the aging population, concerning pensions provision and access, as well as quality of life issues and access to information as you approach and go beyond conventional retirement age. I also attended the re-launch of the ACAS Code of Practice for Time Off for Union Reps on the Union's behalf.

I have attended courses run by the TUC and other labour organisations on discrimination law, employment, adult education and health & safety.

I have represented Accord and spoken at the annual Trades Union Congress. Finally, I have 3 sons, and regularly have to mediate between them, easily the hardest job I have ever had to do!

### Election Statement

Where are we?

How did we get here?

Why did we come?

Where do we want to go? (Monty Python)

Two years ago I suggested that 'change' was constantly with us. My crystal ball must have been at it's best, as you all know what has happened since January 2008! We have all seen how the business shape has changed and will know of someone who is no longer with the organisation. Accord has responded to the threat to the thousands of people who risk losing their jobs. I am part of that team which has managed the number of compulsory redundancies down to a handful.

LBG must be successful for the benefit of us all, but not at the cost of our working conditions. I need your support so that I can continue to demand LBG provide good and equitable terms and salaries for everyone – not just the Executive!

Ending with the 'Python' quote, 'Where would we end up, if we had the choice?', I expect that we all simply want to end up working for an employer who cares for us, looks after us, but above all respects us.

This is all I want – please vote for me!!