

## Geomancy Group – 2001 and Beyond

### Discussion Summary, Sunday 15 July 2001

The main points that came up were as follows:

1. The majority of us would like to continue both to meet and to enjoy the benefits of a support group. Agreed.
2. Most of us seem to currently favour meeting quarterly. Agreed.
3. Given the number of people who seem to have other commitments close to the cross quarter days, dates near to the Solstices and Equinoxes may be most appropriate. To be decided.
4. Although we do not want a highly structured organisation, it was agreed that we do need to have some form of central co-ordination. Therefore Maria and Grahame were requested, and agreed, to act as process facilitators. Agreed.
5. It was suggested that it might be useful to have people form regional teams according to geographical considerations. This would facilitate the process of organising events within a particular area as well as providing team members with an opportunity for study groups and other informal gatherings. To be decided.
6. The majority of participants seem in favour of having the venue rotate around the regions, allowing for access to sacred sites etc. Agreed.
7. Richard invited us to his final Stone Circle Camp, at the edge of Ashdown Forest, on the weekend of 21-22-23 September. This might well be suitable as our inaugural camp. Further details to be provided next time. To be decided.
8. For the moment, the forum will be the main communication tool, with a digest of entries being circulated amongst those who require a print version. Agreed.
9. It seems that if the group is to have any chance of success, then it will have to be a 'leaderful' group of peers. Agreed.

**Commented [GG1]:** I got the impression that we were talking about all the festivals being busy times for S & P. I also would prefer that they were not exactly on the festivals, except perhaps for special occasions, like a summer camp; although my schedule is certainly more flexible than S & P's in that department. Better perhaps to say; not within a week or so of the festivals?

**Commented [GG2]:** This is politely saying that we would like regional members to facilitate meetings held in their area, yes?

Other topics that have since come up for consideration:

- What other facilities would people like to see online? Suggestions: portfolio of our sacred sites
- What should we call ourselves?

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Although this is an area somewhat outside my remit, I would like to refer to the very strange and disturbing energy that seemed to sweep through the group on Sunday. It has become clear that even people who were not involved in any of the supporting discussions at the weekend have felt in some way culpable for the air of discontent and division.

I hereby request most sincerely that if anyone is still carrying any pain or discomfort within to set it aside. I'm not altogether sure that anyone really knows what happened. Let's just accept that many of us became a little emotional and unfocussed and then get on with it, looking ahead to a much more positive debate next time. If any of us have specific issues that need addressing in a one-to-one situation, perhaps we should seriously consider dealing with these.

**Commented [GG3]:** I notice there is no direct mention of a group web page, or where it's going to live. We still need to discuss this with people.  
The portfolio of sacred sites could be added to as people do more projects. I would see that perhaps developing into almost a CV-type thing.  
We also talked about some slightly commercial aspect; e.g. should we offer a range of geomantic services based on the skills that the group already has, such as circle and labyrinth building, dowsing, and so on? It could be done in a relatively low-key fashion without being overtly commercial (so we don't put in a "contact a local geomancer" button just yet <g>). My feeling is that perhaps people don't want to go down that route yet, but it's worth suggesting.  
Now the advanced stuff that we still haven't talked about in the group - would people like to see some sort of repository of geomancy information of our own, or should we just link to the MAG site? Do we want to be hosted by the MAG site or be independent? You know my feeling on this; I think it would be best to be hosted by MAG initially at least. It would be good promotional stuff for MAG as well as us and I do feel that is the most ethical way to go. We don't have to promote S&P particularly and could still retain some feeling of independence from the main site, but the 'ancestral' link would still be there in the URL.  
Do people want to see this developing into a central register and commercial front-end for the group, or would they prefer just to go their own route and promote themselves through other means? If that is the way the majority want to go, perhaps it would be better if we were a completely independent presence, albeit with links to MAG. But I think I'm getting ahead of the game again here...maybe we should just go with the forum and portfolio option just now until we see how the group holds together.