

FRIENDS OF OXPENS MEADOW (FOM) - ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

- 1. SENDRA** (St Ebbes New Development Residents' Association) set up FOM in March 2009. [Constitution attached]
- 2. Committee members:** Rosemary Fennell (Chair from Jan.2010), Margaret Maden(Chair, April-December, then Secretary) John Shelvey (Treasurer), Luke Gander (Website manager), Colin Bridger, John Miller (until Sept.), Trudy Watt, Lynn Erler, Nancy Brown (May-June).
- 3. Bank account** opened in May 2009 with Co-operative Bank plc.
- 4. Alistair Wallace of Public Law Solicitors, Birmingham** employed to support FOM's case, on behalf of SENDRA, when the City Council lodged its opposition to SENDRA's Town Green application. Two submissions were written, based on research conducted mainly by Rosemary Fennell. In the 2nd submission, James Maurici, a specialist barrister was commissioned.
- 5. 14 committee meetings** have been held and the main activities have been:
 - Monitoring the legal and council timetable and events
 - Developing contacts with Oxford groups (eg: CPRE, OCS,Oxford Urban Wildlife Group, Radley Lakes Group, Ox Preserv'n Trust, Warneford Meadow & Trap Grounds Town Green groups,), the Environment Agency, West End Community Group, MPs(2), MEP, etc.
 - Meeting City Councillors. Supporting Green Party resolution (Jan'10) which asked City Council to adopt SENDRA TG as its own. (This was amended with substantive resolution instructing officers to prepare a TG application based on SENDRA's but excluding land behind Ice Rink)
 - Setting up a Website, www.oxpensmeadow.org
 - Fund-raising, based mainly on (a) individual contributions and sponsorship (b) events; eg: wine tasting and sponsored walk (c) branded merchandise incl. Paintings, prints, mugs, T shirts, bags etc.
 - Publicity via letters to newspapers, articles in local Newsletters, performance poem ('Seven Sisters'), Green Fair 'flyers'.
 - Survey of Oxpens Meadow users, June 2009 – Oxford Urban Wildlife Group
 - City Council Planning Dept.contact,re:exact boundaries of West End Action Plan development area and its reduced meadow + March 2010 Community Land Trust proposal.

Margaret Maden, FOM Secretary.

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Established under the SENDRA (St.Ebbes New Development Residents' Association) Constitution, article 2.6,

The committee may appoint working groups each to include one of its own members for specific purposes. It shall prescribe the powers and duties of each such group, shall appoint the Chairman, and shall receive regular reports of its work.

OBJECTIVES

To campaign for the statutory listing of Oxpens Meadow, Oxford, OX1, as a Town Green under the relevant legislation, Commons Act 2006.

To this end, to secure sufficient voluntary contributions in order that legal advice and representation may be employed in the relevant processes involving both Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

To close FOM and its accounts when a final decision has been taken by the Registration Authority, including any appeals which may be pursued.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

From the full membership of the St Ebbes New Development Residents' Association (SENDRA), a committee of 6 persons with 2 co-options, with powers to delegate tasks to persons who are not members of FOM

The committee shall elect a Chairperson, a Secretary and Treasurer who shall, between them, be responsible for the proper management of accounts.

Minutes shall be taken at each committee meeting and be open to inspection by any SENDRA member and those who support the objectives of FOM.

A Website will ensure that Friends of Oxpens Meadow and other supporters are regularly informed of FOM committee actions.

An Annual Report shall be provided in April and it shall include all matters relating to finance and key actions taken in relation to the objectives of FOM.

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