

Minutes of SOS meeting held on 4th March 2008 at 61 Maids Causeway

Present: Lisa Buchholz, Sue Isley, John Lawton (Chair), Buria Shachar-Hill, Victoria Zeitlyn

1. Minutes of meeting held on 16 November and matters arising

- i) The on-going issue of tree management was discussed. John informed the meeting of the Friends of Midsummer Common campaign to raise money to match funds from the Council for tree planting.
- ii) Open Spaces Society (www.oss.org.uk) and wildlife and countryside link (www.wcl.org.uk) are two organisations with information on commons. John to insert link on website.

2. Matters arising from AGM held on 29 November 2007

Covered elsewhere.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sue reported a balance of £326.12. John will become the new cheque signatory. Sue to find out the deadline for the grant application to the Council.

4. Technology and website matters

- i) Three domain names are registered; soscambidge, org.uk; soscambidge.co.uk and soscambidge.com.
- ii) In the short term it was agreed to expand the website. Tory to supply Buria with list of green spaces to be photographed and to organise a précis of each one to put on website.
- iii) In the long term it is still hoped to improve the website to run a content management system that would offer a log in so that hosted organisations could generate their own website. However, as the cost is thought to be in excess of £2,000 and there is not the manpower available to organise it, it was agreed to build on what is already available.
- iv) Tory to write to organisations on list of Residents' Associations to tell them about SOS and our hopes for an umbrella website for the future. Also to invite them to let us know about their local green space and provide any contact details.
- v) John to print off the website front page to put on noticeboard outside Guildhall.

5. A.O.B.

- i) Lisa notified us of the possible second phase expansion of the guided bus as a threat to Stourbridge Common.
- ii) The River Cam Clean Up day on Saturday 15 March was discussed (VZ has emailed general membership about it).
- iii) The issue of an electric punt service on the upper stretch of the river to Granchester (more details on www.camconservatoors.co.uk) was discussed and it was agreed that John would write on behalf of SOS to express concern.

6. Date and venue of next meeting

8pm on Tuesday 10 June at 61 Maids Causeway.