

ECCO ORANGE. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 23RD 2006.

PRESENT: Nick King, Jeremy Buckingham, Margaret Weaver, Mary Turner, Jenny Smith, Tony Smith, Stephen Nugent, Phil Stephenson, Colin Foster, Jane Paul, Andrew Cumode, Susan Sanders, Colin Young, Jason Crean, Chinner Droe, Alison Trowbridge, Anna Boersma, Charlie Everett, Dick Neal.

APOLOGIES: Cilla Kinross, Robyn Murphy, Tony McKenzie, David Williams.

Moved that the minutes of the management committee meeting of the 28th June be accepted. Moved Phil Stephenson, seconded Nick King.

Suggested by Phil Stephenson that ECCO be registered as a charity. Phil to further investigate this possibility and the advantages of doing so.

Treasurer's report: 4 new members. Membership of ECCO up to 31. Target of fifty still to be reached.

Current bank balance: \$678.75. Payment still owing to Phil and Neil for personal expenditure on behalf of ECCO.

ECCO flyers distributed at the Murcett meeting. ECCO members present at the above meeting report that considerable interest in ECCO and its objectives was shown by those who received flyers.

Tony Smith's offer of a \$50 prize for a logo for ECCO is still open. No takers as yet.

Negotiations are still underway concerning the establishment of a website for ECCO. The ECCO website address has been registered. It is www.ECCO Orange.com. Possible use of the ECCO website could be to advertise coming events, lists of meeting times and dates of ECCO and other environmental groups e.g. Field Naturalists etc.

Ammerdown Residents Action Group: No idea what is happening with this group. Suggestion made to contact them.

Discussion re. Review of Orange City Council Website. ECCO to attempt to encourage the Council to upgrade environmental issues on their website.

Report on the survey of Significant Landscape Features project. Moved that ECCO approaches Alison Russel to address a future committee meeting. Nick to contact Alison Russel.

Meeting with shadow minister. Neil and Stephen invited. Issues discussed were waste management and housing design. Papers distributed to members of the ECCO committee.

Report of meeting of ECCO management committee with members of Orange City Council to hear their perspective on the HUB waste management issue by Stephen Nugent.

Innovative Housing Meeting: Proposed that ECCO approach John Blackwood of the Orange Design Group to address a future meeting on urban design issues.

Suggested by Jeremy Buckingham that ECCO seek to have input in the formulation of Development Control Plans, for example the forthcoming DCP of Ploughman's hill and the Southern Distributor to go down Ploughman's Lane. Nick King to contact Andrew Wannan to arrange a meeting with council staff on this issue.

DPI land. Council currently negotiating with the State Government to make it into a park. There is acknowledgement that there is a pristine white box remnant existing on this land. ECCO needs to follow this up.

The president's address and media statement concerning the ECCO's position on the proposed HUB waste management facility was read by Stephen Nugent to the meeting, after which discussion occurred. It was moved by Nick King and seconded by Margaret Weaver that the sentence "Consequently, ECCO believes that its concerns do not make the proposed site an unacceptable option," should be removed, as it implies endorsement of the site. This was carried. With this amendment the above statement was endorsed by the meeting as a true statement of ECCO's position re. the HUB waste management site.

Moved Tony Smith that a waste watch committee be established to continue to monitor the progress of waste management strategies associated with the HUB site. Seconded Nick King. Carried.

Suggested that a representative of Cadia mines be invited to a future ECCO meeting to outline future environmental plans envisaged by their organization.

Suggested by Tony Smith that ECCO consider having a newsletter which could be distributed to members, and/or possibly a regular column in the CWD. To be discussed further at a future committee meeting.

Next committee meeting Wednesday 27th September. Next general meeting Wednesday 25th October.