



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**to be held at 11.00 am on Tuesday 10 July 2012
at Friends' House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ**

(The normal business is split into two meetings: 1. the unincorporated society dealing with matters from 2011, 2. the new company, dealing with elections and resolutions.)

Voting cards will be given on arrival to all paid-up members.
If you have already completed a proxy form we shall revoke it.

MEETING OF UNINCORPORATED OPEN SPACES SOCIETY (charity no 214753)

AGENDA

Welcome by the chairman of the AGMs,
Roger de Freitas (vice-president).

1. Approval to limit speeches

Proposers of motions: maximum five minutes.
Others: maximum three minutes.

2. Appointment of tellers and scrutineers

It is proposed that Ellen Froggatt and Julie Jiggins be appointed.

**3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on
5 July 2011**

4. Matters arising from the minutes

**5. Adoption of trustees' report and accounts
for 2011**

a) Motion: that the trustees' report for 2010 be adopted.

Proposed by Tim Crowther
(chairman)

b) Motion: that the independently examined accounts for 2011 be adopted.

Proposed by Chris Beney
(member, finance
subcommittee)



**MEETING OF OPEN SPACES SOCIETY
(limited company number 7846516, charity number 1144840)**

AGENDA

1. **Approval to limit speeches**

Proposers of motions: maximum five minutes.

Others: maximum three minutes.

2. **Minutes of Special General Meetings on 23 November 2011 and 13 December 2011**

3. **Elections**

*Vice-
presidents*

David (Lord) Clark
Len Clark
Mike Clarke
Paul Clayden
Roger de Freitas
Tony (Lord) Greaves
Richard Mabey
Edgar Powell
John Riddall
Bernard Selwyn
Ronald Smith
Pat Wilson

Proposed by Tim Crowther,
seconded by Peter Newman

Trustees

We may have up to nine members. At present we have six elected members. There are therefore three vacancies. We have received five nominations. *Members may vote for up to three candidates.*

Candidates (biographies on page 4)

Diane Andrewes (proposed by Bursledon Rights of Way and Amenities Preservation Group, seconded by Diana Sneezum)

Graham Bathe (proposed by Edgar Powell, seconded by Jean Macdonald)

Elizabeth Brimmell (proposed by Sally Burfoot, seconded by John Ives)

John Ives (proposed by Sally Burfoot, seconded by Hugh Pratt)

Phil Wadey (proposed by Chris Beney, seconded by Hertfordshire Commons Watch)

Voting will take place over lunch and the results announced immediately after.

4. **Independent Examiners**

Resolution: that Villars Hayward, chartered accountants and registered auditors of Henley-on-Thames, be appointed independent examiners for 2012).

5. **Resolutions**

You can find further information about the resolutions on our website at <http://www.oss.org.uk/agm>

1. Trustee tenure

“On advice of Charity Commission we seek to resolve Trustee tenure and members resolve that no trustee should serve more than 6 consecutive years for The Open Spaces Society, (old Society and or constituted and or incorporated).”

Proposed by Trustee Dr H Pratt, seconded by Trustee Miss S Burfoot (in personal capacities).

2. Dr Pratt’s legal expenses

“Members agree that Trustee Dr Pratt’s legal expenses, to resolve Trustee tenure, be met by the Open Spaces Society” (as have the expenses of other Trustees in resolving this matter)”.

Proposed by Trustee Miss S Burfoot, seconded by Trustee Dr H Pratt (in personal capacities).

3. In house change projects

“That the trustees be mandated to review the current reserves policy and consider the need to free up funds to drive in house change projects designed to transform the public perception of what the Society has to offer and thereby increase membership and income. Trustees to report back to membership by 31 Oct 2012”.

Proposed by John Ives

6. Any other urgent business

1pm **LUNCH**

2pm Announcement of new trustees and results of resolutions

Presentation of our new brand identity

Presentation to winner of the Open Space Award

3.30pm Tea and trustees’ meeting

Trustee candidates at AGM on 10 July 2012

Biographies

Diane Andrewes

Proposed by Bursledon Rights of Way and Amenities Preservation Group, seconded by Diana Sneezum.
OSS member for approx. 22 years and a former trustee. Relevant memberships: Ramblers' Association, National Trust, English Heritage, Bursledon Rights of Way & Amenities Preservation Group. Parish councillor and footpath officer for 10 years. Former district councillor and parliamentary candidate. Particular OSS interests: village greens, PROW claims, public hards, lost ways, national coastal path. Relevant activities: campaigning, research, community development.

Graham Bathe BSc, MSc

Proposed by Edgar Powell, seconded by Jean Macdonald
Graham has 40 years' experience in access and countryside, working for government agencies, local authorities and charities in Britain and overseas. He led English Nature's work on CRoW Act from passage in Parliament to implementation, reconciling access and wildlife on 500,000ha of SSSI. 2005-2011 he spearheaded Natural England's work on the Commons Act. Graham has worked on national visitor surveys, vehicles on RoW, environmental conflict resolution. He served on Wildlife and Access Advisory Group, National Countryside Access Forum, Defra's Commons Act Project Board, and New Forest and Hampstead Heath committees. He is Communications Manager of the Foundation for Common Land.

Elizabeth Brimmell

Proposed by Sally Burfoot, seconded by John Ives
My background has been in working for a FSTE 100 company with experience in product marketing and consumer sales promotion targeting the customer through direct mail. In retirement, I have worked for over five years as a Parish Clerk and have had first-hand experience of public concern about open spaces and proposals to divert footpaths. In both roles I have managed both large and small budgets. My strengths in both roles have been my planning and organisational skills which I believe can be put to good use in helping the OSS carry out a programme of projects within budget.

John Ives

Proposed by Sally Burfoot, seconded by Hugh Pratt
I have previously served as a trustee and am a Local Correspondent. I believe urgent action is needed to reverse the decline in membership. The society must move towards a greater emphasis on the local delivery of our aims and objectives and in particular examine the role of our Local Correspondents. I believe such a significant undertaking must be properly planned and project managed. The charity also needs to be run more as a business with greater weight placed on measurement and achieving a balanced budget. I believe I have the skills to assist in this process.

Phil Wadey

Proposed by Chris Beney, seconded by Hertfordshire Commons Watch
Phil joined the OSS in 2004 to support the work on greens, commons and rights of way. Phil specialises in rights of way historical research and enjoys adding paths to the definitive map (63 recorded so far). He brings skills to the Board from running large projects and from extensive board-level work in a range of organisations, including the charitable sector. He was OSS vice-chairman from 2005-2010. Amongst his aims are an expansion in the number of local correspondents and new forms of membership to create the additional funding for expanded services.

Please note: The minutes of previous meetings and further information about the resolutions are on our website at <http://www.oss.org.uk/agm>. Paper copies will be available at the AGM. If you would like paper copies in advance, please contact the office.

Not able to attend? You can complete the enclosed proxy form and return to the office by 12 noon on Monday 9 July 2012.