

Stour and Orwell Society

A society dedicated to preserving and enhancing the environment of the areas surrounding the Stour and Orwell estuaries

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SOS Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM will be held on Thursday the 20th of March. The Venue will be the Feast Room at the Suffolk Food Hall and the start time is 7.30 p.m.

SOS has had a year of considerable activity – notably due to our involvement in the proposed Tattingstone solar park and an application for a wind turbine at Pannington Hall is likely to present us with new challenges in the near future

Your existing officers and committee members are all willing to stand for re-election. We do, however, have a vacancy for one committee member. We will welcome anyone to stand for election but we would particularly welcome the addition of an historian/archivist or an environmentalist/ecologist to the committee. ***If you wish to stand for election then please provide your name together with a proposer and a seconder to Rodney Chadburn at rodney.chadburn@gmail.com***

There will be the usual small buffet and drinks to follow the formal proceedings, so I do hope that you will attend and discuss with us current issues facing SOS. ***To help us with the catering please notify Emma at epk@stourandorwellsociety.org.uk if you will be attending the AGM.***

Tattingstone Solar Park

As you will recall, from the last Newsletter, SOS, together with Tattingstone Parish Council and the No Alton Water Solar action group (NAWS) will be fully represented at the Forthcoming Public Inquiry. We have engaged expert witnesses who will speak on our behalf on Planning and Landscape issues. They will supplement the presentations to be given by witnesses fielded by Babergh DC. For their part, Tattingstone PC and NAWS are preparing statements on the effect the solar park would have on agriculture, the archaeology beneath the site and on local tourism.

Fund raising, to cover the costs of expert witnesses and possibly for legal assistance, continues. We still have some way to go to reach the target of £20,000 - £25,000 and the distribution of pledge leaflets is to be widened. ***If you have not yet made a pledge I urge you to do so now to ensure that we can present our case in a fully professional manner.***

As part of the fund raising effort NAWS is organising a Race Evening at Tattingstone Village Hall this coming Saturday evening (8th March) starting at 7.30 p.m. The price of tickets is £10 and will include a two-course meal. Tickets can be obtained in advance from Roger Tyler at rogertylertat@btinternet.com or simply turn up on the night.

NAWS is also conducting a survey which you will find at their website <http://bit.ly/altonsolar> Please complete this and encourage friends and relatives to do so too. This will help us to convey the strength of local opinion at the Public Inquiry.

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