

# Save Our Waterways

## Open Strategy Meeting

1030 for 1100 October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Lichfield Cruising Club  
Canal Side Cottages  
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### AGENDA

1.	WELCOME	Chairman	1100
2.	APOLOGIES	Chairman	1105
SETTING THE SCENE - Chaired by Will Chapman, SOW Chairman			
3.	INTRODUCTION What SOW hopes to achieve.	Chairman	1110
4.	THE INLAND WATERWAYS POLITICAL SCENE The role of IWAC and an insight into the key issues affecting the long term future of our inland waterways.	John Edmonds, Chair, Inland Waterways Advisory Council	1120
5.	ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ISSUES A short review of issues facing waterways managed by the Environment Agency and how they might influence the policies of other navigation authorities.	Michael Shefras, Chair, RYA Thames Valley Region	1150
6.	DISCUSSION SESSION		1210
	LUNCH BREAK (see below)		1230
STRATEGY OPEN DEBATE SESSION – Chaired by David Stevenson, SOW Deputy Chair			
6.	THE IMPORTANCE OF CANAL RESTORATION SOCIETIES BW's decision to withdraw from the Cotswold restoration coupled with the worsening economic scene places a greater burden on groups like the Lichfield & Hatherton Canal Restoration Society. How can we help them build for the future?	Brian Kingshott, Chair, Lichfield & Hatherton Canal Restoration Society	1315
8.	LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT The case for local communities to take a greater role in the upkeep and development of inland waterways.	Will Chapman, SOW Chairman	1345
9.	CONTINUOUS CRUISING A radical proposal to solve the continuous cruising issue.	Bruce Napier, SOW Committee and in 4 <sup>th</sup> year of continuous cruising	1415
10.	CAMPAIGN ISSUES What issues should SOW campaign on? What issues are there that other user groups aren't covering adequately?	Richard Carpenter, NABO Council Member and SOW Committee	1445
11.	AOB		1500

If **booked in advance** ([campaign@saveourwaterways.org](mailto:campaign@saveourwaterways.org)) lunch – choice of cottage pie or lasagne with sweet and coffee - is available for £5.50 per head. Also there will be a modest charge of £1 for coffee/tea etc. Payment on the day.

The bar will be open during the meeting.