

OXFORD ECOLOGY MOVEMENT

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The Oxford Ecology Movement was formed in March to put up a candidate in the Oxford constituency at the next General Election. Since July, 5 public meetings have been held and the membership has grown. The founding group drew up a draft manifesto which has been revised by the members. The second draft will be available soon.

Whatever the eventual outcome in terms of votes, during the election campaign the OEM hopes to stimulate public discussion and awareness of a wide range of environmental and social issues which are ignored or given little prominence by the major parties. As Oxford is a marginal constituency these parties will be forced to take more notice of these issues. It is possible that there may eventually be MPs elected on an ecology ticket which may lead to change through Parliament. Change may also come about through people taking action for themselves as individuals, as communities or by joining organisations such as yours.

The OEM is holding a meeting of environmental, co-operative and other groups on Tuesday 21st November. I am writing to invite you or other representatives of your organisation to attend. It will be in the East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street at 8p.m. We would like to have this opportunity both to tell you about the OEM and its policies and to listen to and discuss your views on what the OEM is doing and why. We would like to hear your views on the policies and the most important issues to be emphasised during the election campaign.

OEM policies include decentralisation of government and industry with increased democracy and participation, freedom of information, a basic personal income paid to all adults, abandoning nuclear power and promoting energy conservation and alternative sources, ending all motorway building and promoting public transport, encouraging allotments and organic farming, reducing pollution, increasing recycling, conserving resources and wildlife.

In France and Germany 'green candidates' have been put up by environmental groups joining together. The OEM would welcome such support but I realise many organisations here are strictly non-party political. However your members would be welcome to join as individuals. Membership is £2 and the membership secretary is Susan Taylor at 35 Wellington Street, Oxford. The OEM would be happy to receive any advice or criticism of policy from your organisation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 21st.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Larkin.

WOLFSON COLLEGE

ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Computer Terminal from University Computer

A request has been received from a member of the College that consideration should be given to the idea that a terminal from the University Computer should be installed in the College. If this were done, it would involve a capital cost of at least £600 in addition to maintenance costs. It appears unlikely that the College could have a terminal in less than two years.

The purpose of this circular is to ask any who would be interested in using such a terminal, supposing it were here now, and others who have views about the College acquiring such a terminal, to complete the tear-off slip below and forward it to the Bursar's Secretary by Wednesday, 1 November.

11 October 1978

D. G. Wyatt

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TO: The Bursar's Secretary

NAME

SUBJECT

REASON FOR TERMINAL USE

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APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK USE

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OTHER COMMENTS

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To: Members of the College