

The association of Owners of Second Homes in La Clusaz came into being because of a small group of friends felt the need to exchange ideas on the future of the resort and share these ideas with other owners.

After notifying Monsieur Côte, the mayor of La Clusaz, a first meeting took place during which the main concerns seemed to be:

- the preservation of the site against excessive urbanisation and the conservation of the existing heritage
- the development of a good relation amongst home-owners and the organisation of leisure activities for both local people and holiday makers.

The association was registered with the Préfecture of Haute Savoie on March 26 1997 with no 1/12189, and published in the Journal Officiel on April 20 1997.

The head office is set in the La Clusaz town hall.

From the start the association has shown that it meets a real need.

In order to better define its aims and to improve its working the articles of association were modified in August 1997 then in December 2000.

The Board of Directors has increased from four to six.

The association has now been registered as an association for the preservation of the environment according to article L 252-1 of the rural code within the La Clusaz *commune*.

The protection of the environment and of the preservation of the way of life are its priorities.

Thanks to the loyalty and generosity of its members the association has been able to make significant contributions on matters such as building, drainage, the price of water and the *carte d'hôte*...

The office receives complaints and passes them on to the mayor. It also handles special problems which might otherwise result in legal action.

The main item on the agenda for the year to come is the safety of pedestrians: pavements, dedicated paths down to the village, a pedestrian zone, sleeping policemen to reduce speed, limitation of traffic in the Confins area...

There are several possibilities:

- Unity of action amongst public organisations dealing with the environment (article L.141-2 of the environment code)

- Involvement of the association, in consultation with other organisations, in the development and promotion of plans for the town of La Clusaz and for the territorial integrity and coherence of the whole area.

- Exercise of the right conferred on the *partie civile* (private individual) in case of breach...
- Recourse to the administrative tribunal...
- Representative action...

A number of members have undertaken to organise activities such as picnics, mountain walks, bridge tournaments...(see leisure and culture headings).

Members of the association meet three times a year in the presence of the Mayor, of councillors, officials and guests.

The meetings are followed by a drink offered by the association and optional dinner in a restaurant chosen for the occasion.

Members of the committee are on duty every Monday morning in the town hall from 10.30.am till 12 during the French school holidays.

The members' directory is updated every two years.