

# CAREFUL MR BEEKS

BLUES fans have given a mixed response to the Wanderers board's decision to try and sell the club to a big money backer.

Chairman Ivor Beeks revealed last week that the board have unanimously decided they want to see the club's constitution changed to open the way for a big money investor. The club lost £250,000 last year and cannot afford to buy players.

Ted Wheller, chairman of the Independent Supporters Club said: "For us to survive it's possibly the only way forward, there is no way we can continue in the Football League being run like a Conference club."

"Lawrie Sanchez has worked miracles without any money and even to maintain the status quo we've got to get some money in."

His ideal is a consortium involving Beeks.

He said: "The idea of a consortium with Ivor Beeks involved appeals to me more

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than anything, because it would give the club stability."

Keith Blagbrough of the Official Supporters Club has also backed the plans to change the constitution where 400-odd members each hold a £1 stake.

He said: "There's no doubt it's the way forward. I'm delighted the board are looking to the future. We hope Mr Beeks will be contacting the membership directly to tell us what he's got in mind."

He believes that the club's planning constraints – Adams Park can only be used for sporting purposes – will weed out people who are looking to make money out of the club.

## Fans urge caution over big changes

He said: "The site can only be used for sport and leisure so anyone coming in should have the good of the football club at heart because they will not be able to develop it into housing or industrial units."

But fan Dale Hurman, former Editor of the Tales of a Chairboy Fanzine was less optimistic and says he would sooner Wycombe sold a star player to raise the cash rather than selling the club.

He said: "I think it's a bad move. I don't think it's worth taking the risk of possibly ending up like Doncaster or Crystal Palace. There are too many examples of clubs who've been taken over and then ended up in more serious trouble."

"I think the board are taking the easy way out. Three or four years ago the board said they were going to rely on youth."

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Ivor Beeks: Fans have welcomed his plans with caution