

Fans slow to put their faith in Trust

THE launch meeting of the Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Trust received a lukewarm welcome with fewer than 30 supporters turning up to kickstart the group's £100,000 drive to buy a seat on the board.

Trust spokesman Andy Worboys admitted the numbers were disappointing but vowed to continue unabashed and promised the Trust would raise the £100,000 it needs to earn a seat in the powerhouse.

He said: "It was a disappointing turnout but we are up and running and we are going to make this a success.

He added: "If everyone is of the view

that it is going to succeed we will make sure it succeeds."

He says more than £5,000 has already been pledged and is confident much more will roll in through direct debit proposals which were sent out this week. Application forms were also included in Tuesday's matchday programme and will be reproduced in the programmes for forthcoming home games against Grimsby and Oxford.

The direct debit scheme allows fans to pledge their support through monthly payments where fans can invest anything upwards of £3 a month. Everyone who invests will have a £1 share in the

Trust which will enable them to vote a representative onto the Football Club's board if sufficient monies are raised.

Blues boss Tony Adams has already given the Trust his backing and some of the players are thought to be considering getting involved.

But the launch meeting was given the cold shoulder by many fans.

Some are unhappy at having to raise £100,000 to buy representation on the board when they claim they had it for just £1 before the club voted to change its constitution from a club run by its 500 members to a plc with shareholders.

But Worboys believes the new Trust, which aims to attract at least 1,000 supporters, will be able to serve the fans better.

He said: "The problem with the previous set-up was that there were too many individual voices and not a collective point of view put forward.

"Having a supporters representative on the board will bring the club into the 21st century."

Anyone wanting to get involved with the Trust can download an application form from the website www.wwst.org or call Keith Blagbrough on 01494 563697.