Things are changing in Callao Salvaje – and not before time say many of the long term residents and regular visitors. Just before Christmas the council installed a series of traffic calming measures and ramps along the main road into the village and some ancillary streets; word is that the new church will finally be open in April of this year, and now, not before time, a revamped resident’s association is taking shape, and promises to properly represent all those who live, work and own property in Callao Salvaje (including Sueño Azul and Marazul del Sur).

At the moment a core group of residents (Spanish, English, French and German) have come together to begin to pull together to work to, in a sense, put meat on the bones of the new association. But things can really begin to get done when more and more people join up (yes, there is a cost - €12 per annum, or €18 per couple per year), although already the new president and committee have been holding meetings with the Adeje mayor and councillors and have proper backing for their activities from the Cabildo.

The association is promising to work together with the relevant bodies on relevant developments for the area – though is also more than able and willing to make their voice heard if those developments are not believed to be appropriate or are taking too long to bear fruit.

According to the leaflet regarding the association, which will soon be widely available throughout the village in English and Spanish, the association is made up of “people who share similar concerns... working together to change the negative inertia of a fragmented society”. In other words, working together to bring together all the diverse groups that live and work in this growing village. Callao Salvaje is something of a mixed salad bowl, but the basic concerns and needs of its residents are the same – good infrastructure, roads, signalling, clean streets and street lighting, a proper park for our kids, and the promotion of everyone’s interests. The association has set out its objectives:

- Developing good relations between neighbours in Callao Salvaje, Sueño Azul, Marazul del Sur
- Letting residents know the relevant actions and plans the Adeje council (and other public bodies) have for the zone
- Work to improve/upgrade/introduce infrastructures into the area, improve public service transport, health, sanitation, sporting and education facilities available
- Preserve, study and get to know the natural heritage and historical/artistic roots of the region
- Organise events and community activities.

You can also find out more by visiting the website (in progress) on www.callaosalvaje.tk or phone the association president Silverio Barreiro on 688513829.