

GREENER WALDRINGFIELD CONSITIUTION.

NAME

The name of the group is Greener Waldringfield (hereinafter GW)

AREA

The area covered by GW shall be Waldringfield and the surrounding parishes.

AIMS

- To raise awareness within the area of the challenges of climate breakdown, resource depletion and biodiversity collapse with the consequent need for change away from the use of fossil fuels.
- To work with others in the area to develop a low carbon, sustainable and resilient future for the Waldringfield area.
- To support individuals, families and organizations in their efforts to prepare for this future.

OBJECTIVES

- To create and help implement an Energy Descent Action Plan (EDAP) for Waldringfield and the surrounding area.
- To give practical guidance to individuals, families and organizations about how to cut their carbon footprint, and to provide information about how changes in lifestyle can slow climate breakdown and resource depletion.
- To support and work with other local similar community-led initiatives.
- To engage with other organizations, including statutory, voluntary, and business in pursuit of GW aims and objectives.
- To actively protect and enhance biodiversity.

IDEALS

The group will be non-party-political, non-sectarian and will be committed to non-discriminatory practices and equal opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP

The members shall be subscribers to this constitution who live, work or operate in the area as described above, and who are in agreement with the stated aims and objectives. Individuals and organizations will be admitted without reference to wealth, politics, religion, sex, disability, age or sexual preference.

A member shall cease to be a member if she/he:

- resigns; or
- is requested to resign by three-quarters of members voting to this effect.

Any members expelled shall have the opportunity to defend themselves at an Extraordinary General Meeting where they shall have the fullest opportunity to answer any allegations made against them.

There are no membership subscriptions. All members are unpaid volunteers.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

GW is managed by a Core Group, which meets at least twice a year.

All members of GF are eligible for election onto the Core Group.

The Core Group comprises a Chairperson, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Secretary and up to 8 other members and has the power to co-opt.

The Core Group is elected every year, the election-taking place at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in March, with all members of GW being eligible to vote. The end of the financial year will be January 31st.

The officers are elected at the AGM. In the event of one of the officers resigning or otherwise unable to continue in post between AGMs, the Core Group will ensure the post is covered temporarily until the next AGM.

MEETINGS

Any representatives of other organizations including statutory, voluntary, and business may be invited to attend Core Group or other meetings of GW.

The officers shall report on the group's activities and financial position at all meetings.

A quorum of four is required to conduct a valid meeting.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Bank accounts in the name of Greener Waldringfield shall be maintained and all monies received from any source on behalf of the Group shall be paid into them.

Expenditure shall be authorised by two of three signatories, one of whom must be the Chairperson, Vice- Chair or Treasurer.

Petty cash is to be held by the Chairperson, Vice- Chair or Treasurer as required.

An independent examiner will examine GW accounts annually. The accounts will be reported to the AGM.

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The elected Core Group and co-opted members (named in the last AGM minutes) shall collectively share legal responsibilities for the group's actions.

RULE CHANGES AND DISSOLUTION

The group may be dissolved or these rules amended by a two-thirds majority of those present at a General Meeting of which fourteen days' notice has been given. The text of motions for amendment or dissolution shall be as stated in the notice convening the meeting.

RESIDUAL PROVISIONS

The core group at its discretion shall deal with any matters affecting the Group and its activities, which are not otherwise provided for in these rules.

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