

# **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 area..

## **AIMS**

- To raise within the area awareness of the urgent challenges of climate breakdown, resource depletion and biodiversity collapse with the consequent need for a move 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 share practical guidance among individuals, families and organizations about how to cut their carbon footprint and slow resource depletion.
- To support and work with other local initiatives and organisations with similar objectives. .
- To actively protect and enhance biodiversity.
- To create and help implement plans for low-carbon energy supply in Waldringfield and the surrounding area.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The members shall be subscribers to this constitution who live, work or operate in the area and who register their membership annually with the Secretary. Individuals and organizations may register as members without regard to wealth, politics, religion, sex, disability, age or sexual preference or identity.

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 requested to resign 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 GW are eligible for election onto the Core Group.

The committee comprises a Chairperson, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Secretary and up to 6 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 before the end of May in each calendar year, with all members of GW being eligible to vote.

The officers are elected at the AGM. In the event of one of the officers resigning or otherwise being 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.

Notice of all meetings shall be posted on the GW website and the Waldringfielders email group.

## **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, Secretary or Treasurer as required.

An independent examiner will be appointed to examine GW accounts annually. The accounts will be submitted to the Core Group for approval and subsequently reported to the AGM.

## **LEGAL RESPONSIBILITES**

The elected Core Group and co-opted members (named in the last AGM minutes) shall collectively share the legal responsibility 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 on the Waldringfielders email group. 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.

Constitution adopted at the meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021