

# CONSTITUTION

## **A**     NAME

## **B**     AIMS

- To encourage and increase the safe and responsible use of green spaces, woodland and upland of the Upper Rhondda Fawr and surrounding areas.
- To support people to improve their health and mental wellbeing through their active involvement in environmental activities and informal recreation such as walking and cycling.
- To improve and raise awareness of the local environment, assisting in the environmental education of the community, especially children, young people and families.
- To help tackle poverty and promote social inclusion through providing volunteering, training and employment opportunities and developing social enterprise.
- To support and develop the capacity of the community through community development, involving local people and communities and developing their confidence, skills and knowledge.

## **C**     CARRYING OUT THE AIMS

In order to carry out the aims of the group, the committee may: -

- (1)     raise funds and receive contributions.
- (2)     buy or sell property, take on leases and employ staff.
- (3)     co-operate with other groups and organisations
- (4)     do all such other lawful things as are necessary to achieve the aims.

## **D**     MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group is open to any person who wants to support the aims of the group. An up to date membership list will be kept.

## **E**     ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1)     The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of May with 14 days notice given to all members.
- (2)     The committee will present the annual report and accounts.
- (3)     Members can put themselves forward for election to the committee at the AGM.
- (4)     Every member has one vote.
- (5)     Members will elect the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year, and up to 4 other committee members.

## **F**     COMMITTEE

- (1)     The committee will hold at least two meetings each year.
- (2)     At least three members of the committee must be present at a meeting to be able to take decisions.
- (3)     The committee will keep minutes and maintain accounts which can be viewed by any member on request.

- (4) The committee may appoint co-opted members in addition to those elected at the AGM
- (5) Committee members must not be paid or gain financially from the group in their role as a committee member except for legitimate 'out of pocket' volunteer expenses .

**G MONEY**

- (1) Funds will be held in a bank account operated by the committee in the name of the group. All cheques must be signed by two committee members.
- (2) Funds shall only be used to support the aims of the group.

**H THE CONSTITUTION**

Changes to the constitution or a decision to wind up the group must be confirmed by a majority of members present and voting at a general meeting for all members called with 14 days notice. Any assets remaining will be given to a local not for profit organisation with similar aims.

**I ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL FIRST GENERAL MEETING**

This constitution was adopted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014 by the people whose signatures appear below, who will act as the committee until the first AGM.

Signed	Print Name
_____	_____ (Chair)

_____	_____ (Treasurer)
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_____	_____ (Secretary)
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