

Friends of Northenden Riverside Park Constitution

NAME OF THE GROUP: Friends of Northenden Riverside Park

AIMS OF THE GROUP:

- a. To promote the wide usership of the park
- b. To enhance the park area for the benefit of the whole community
- c. To improve the recreational, environmental and educational facilities of the park
- d. To raise funds to support the work of the Friends of Northenden Riverside Park.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to:

- a. All local residents in and around Northenden and the surrounding area
- b. Users of the park
- c. Those with an interest in supporting the aims of the Friends Group,

regardless of age, nationality, political party, race, gender or religious opinions or beliefs.

MEMBERSHIP FEE/SUBSCRIPTION:

Members shall pay a minimal annual fee of £2, under 18s £0.50, Families £5 (after AGM May 2008), any decisions to adjust the fee shall be made at an AGM.

THE COMMITTEE:

- a. Committee shall be elected to carry out the business of the Friends Group.
- b. The committee shall be made up of a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, correspondence secretary, minute's secretary, treasurer and 5 general members.
- c. The committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting. Vacancies arising through the year can be filled by co-option by the committee members at general meetings.
- d. The committee should meet every second month but no less than 3 times per year.
- e. Minutes of committee meetings shall be available to all members
- f. The committee can introduce or appoint new members as required.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- a. there shall be an annual general meeting held every year at which the committee will report on its work, present a statement of accounts and stand down to seek re-election.
- b. The AGM shall elect a new committee, vote on recommendations and any amendments to the constitution.
- c. The secretary will notify all members of the date of the meeting not less than 14 days before the AGM.
- d. A membership list shall be kept by the correspondence secretary and voting rights will be allowed after a period of 6 months from joining.
- e. Where there is a hung-vote within the committee, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.

OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS:

- a. There will be a general meeting open to all members when required to discuss particular issues.
- b. A special general meeting open to all members will be held if 4 or more members submit in writing a request for such a meeting to the secretary. The secretary shall arrange for the meeting to take place within 14 days.
- c. The secretary will publicise all general meetings at least 5 days in advance.

QUORUM:

No general meeting or AGM shall take place if less than 7 members are present. No committees meeting shall take place if less than 5 members of the committee are present.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- a. The constitution can be altered at an AGM.
- b. Any suggested changes must be handed to the secretary 14 days before the AGM.
- c. Changes must be agreed by two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

DISSOLUTION:

- a. The Group may only be dissolved at a special General Meeting called for that purpose
- b. A proposal to dissolve the group shall take effect only if agreed by two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

- c. Funds and possessions will be disposed of according to the wishes of the meeting.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICIES:

The group must actively seek to represent the needs and aspirations of all residents in the area represented. It must up-hold opportunities and work for good relations among all members of the community.

The Group must not discriminate on the grounds of age, nationality, political opinion, ethnic and cultural background, religious opinions or beliefs, sex, sexuality or disability.