



FRIENDS OF ASHBY BATH GROUNDS

CONSTITUTION

1) Name.

The name of the Group shall be 'Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds'. The Group is a non-political, non profit making organisation.

2) Aim.

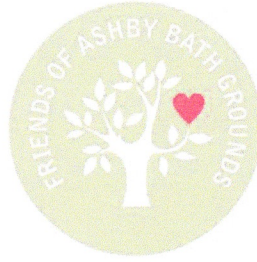
The aim of the Group shall be to work and campaign to protect and improve the Bath Grounds, Ashby de la Zouch, as a free, public access park and recreational facility for the benefit of the whole community. In particular, the Group:

- Supports enhancement of the Bath Grounds for the benefit of public enjoyment and sporting use.
- Supports community ownership of the Bath Grounds.
- Supports use of the Bath Grounds by community sports organisations provided this does not unduly interfere with enjoyment by other members of the public.
- Opposes the use of any part of the Bath Grounds to build houses and any other non-recreational or non-sporting use.

3) Powers

In order to achieve its aim, the Group may:

- a) Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- b) Open bank accounts
- c) Acquire and run buildings
- d) Buy or sell property, take on leases and employ staff
- e) Take out insurance
- f) Organise events
- g) Work with similar Groups with similar purposes and exchange information and advice with them



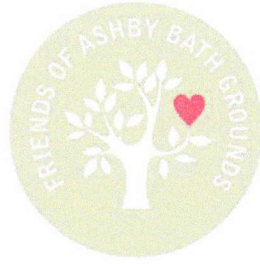
h) Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aim.

4) Membership.

- a) Membership of the Group shall be open to any individual over sixteen who is:
- interested in helping the Group to achieve its aim
 - willing to abide by the rules of the Group and
 - willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Committee.
- b) People who wish to become a member should apply to the Committee Secretary.
- c) Membership lasts for one calendar year (January to December) and may be renewed.
- d) The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Committee: Provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

5) Management.

- a) All the activities, operation and work of the Group shall be controlled by a Committee of not less than three and not more than 10 members, including a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.). The Committee will retire at the next AGM and members may stand for re-election
- b) The Committee may co-opt, up to four individuals, in an advisory and non-voting capacity that it feels will help to fulfil the aim of the Group. The co-optees will stand down at the next AGM but be eligible for re-appointment.
- c) The Committee shall meet at least three times a year. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- d) At least three Committee members must be present for a Committee meeting to take place.
- e) It is expected that a Committee member will attend all Committee meetings and General Meetings unless unable to do so, in which case



apologies must be submitted. In the event of a Committee member not sending apologies and missing three consecutive meetings, with the agreement of the remaining Committee members, they can be removed from the Committee without further discussion.

- f) Voting at Committee meetings shall be by a show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chair shall have a second vote.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to remove any member of the Committee for good and proper reason.
- h) The Committee may appoint any other member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy, provided that the maximum prescribed is not exceeded.
- i) The Committee may make reasonable additional rules for the proper conduct and management of the group. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

6) Duties of Officers.

- a) The duties of the Chair shall be to:
 - Chair meetings of the Committee and the Group
 - represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to and
 - act as the spokesperson of the Group when necessary.
- b) The duties of the Secretary shall be to:
 - keep a membership list
 - prepare in consultation with the Chair the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group
 - take and keep minutes of all meetings and
 - collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group.
- c) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:
 - supervise the financial affairs of the Group,
 - receive and pay out all monies on behalf of the Group and



- keep proper accounts that show all monies received and paid out by the Group.
- separately identify in these accounts the receipt and application of all contributions received under the Landfill Communities Fund.

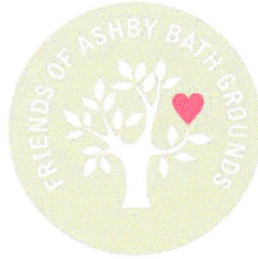
7) Finance.

- a) The Group shall not distribute profits
- b) All monies received by or on behalf of the Group shall be applied to further the aim of the Group and for no other purpose.
- c) Funds must be held in the group's bank account.
- d) All cheques must be signed by 2 Committee members.
- e) All bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.
- f) The Group shall ensure that its accounts are audited or independently examined every year.
- g) Funds cannot be used to pay Committee members except to refund legitimate expenses.
- h) The Group may pay reasonable out of pocket expenses including travel, childcare and meal costs to members or Committee members.
- i) The accounts may be viewed by any member on request.

8) General Meetings.

- a) There shall be at least 1 General Meeting (excluding the A.G.M) each year.
- b) All paid up members shall be entitled to attend and vote at any Meeting, including the AGM and a Special General Meeting,
- c) The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days notice of any Meeting, including the AGM and a Special General Meeting, together with notice of the business to be discussed.
- d) Any Meeting, including the AGM and a Special General Meeting, shall require a quorum of at least 10% of the membership.

9) Annual General Meeting.



- a) The AGM must be held every year.
- b) The business of the A.G.M. shall include:
 - receive a report from the Chair on the Group's activities over the year
 - receive and approve a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group
 - elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and up to seven other Committee members and
 - Consider other business of which due notice has been given in writing to the Chair, not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting.
- c) Any member may put themselves forward for election as a Committee member at the AGM.
- d) Every member has one vote.

10) Special General Meeting.

The Committee may at any time, and within 28 days of receiving a request in writing from any 5 members, convene a Special General Meeting to discuss an urgent matter.

11) Alterations to the Constitution.

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. Any proposal for amendment must be made in writing to the Secretary, and be received not less than 14 days before the minimum period of notice for the meeting, at which the resolution is to be brought forward.

12) Dissolution.

The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of winding up any assets remaining after all debts have been paid and other than Landfill Communities Fund money shall be given to another Group with a similar aim.

13) Landfill Communities Fund.



- a) The work of the Group shall not be for the unique benefit of either landfill operators who contribute to the Group and claim credit under the Landfill Communities Fund in respect of such contribution, or any person who acts as a contributing third party in relation to a landfill operator's contribution.
- b) Any projects that are to be funded by Landfill Communities Fund money shall only be undertaken once the project has been registered with, and approved by, ENTRUST.
- c) If registered with ENTRUST, the Committee shall notify ENTRUST within 7 days of any changes to its membership, including the names, addresses and occupations and employers of any new members.
- d) In the event of the Group dissolving any remaining Landfill Communities Fund money shall be transferred to another enrolled Environmental Body. It shall not be distributed to the members of the Group or donated to a charity or organisation with similar objects.

14) Adoption of Constitution.

This revised constitution was agreed at a properly convened Annual General Meeting on 12 May 2016 by at least a two thirds majority of members present.

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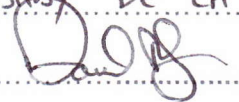
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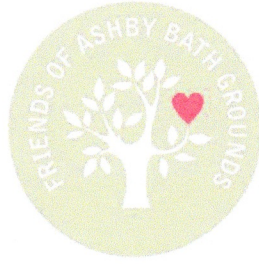
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