

SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME – Sandbach Footpath Group or SFG (hereinafter called the group)
2. OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP
 - 2.1. To protect the network of footpaths in and around Sandbach.
 - 2.2. To improve and extend the network of footpaths in and around Sandbach.
 - 2.3. To ensure that some footpaths are fully accessible to all.
 - 2.4. To help achieve the above [2.2, 2.3 and 2.4],
 - 2.4.1. Members will be encouraged to walk the local paths regularly.
 - 2.4.2. From time to time members may join together in local walks.
 - 2.4.3. Members may volunteer to informally adopt-a-path to cut back vegetation and report any problems such as broken stiles.
3. LINKS TO LOCAL BODIES
 - 3.1. The group aims to work in a spirit of mutual co-operation with all other appropriate and relevant local organisations concerned with footpaths and walking trails in and around Sandbach.
 - 3.2. The group aims to work in a spirit of mutual co-operation with all other appropriate and relevant local organisations concerned with the environment and conservation.
 - 3.3. To work with Grass Roots Disability Sandbach ensure that some footpaths are fully accessible to all.
 - 3.4. The group will therefore aim to establish from the start the most effective communications with these organisations as practicable.
4. MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE
 - 4.1. Membership of the group will be open to all those individuals who wish to contribute in a practical manner to the core purposes of the group.
 - 4.2. Each member will have one vote on those occasions when a vote is taken.
 - 4.3. Appropriate organisations may be represented on the group by one individual member. Such a representative will have the same voting rights as an individual member.
 - 4.4. There will be no membership fee.
 - 4.5. The group will keep an electronic record of members' details for use SOLELY on the group's business. The information held on any particular member will be made available to that member on request. His/her information will not be disclosed to any third party.
 - 4.6. Any walk or work done by members will be at their own risk and for vegetation cutting and fixing way-marks they should apply to CEC PRoW for a letter of authority. CEC then cover for insurance and if challenged by the landowner.
 - 4.7. The group will ensure that its members are adequately covered by public liability insurance whilst undertaking activities with, or for, the group.
5. OFFICERS
 - 5.1. The group will have three officers, vis. a chair, secretary and treasurer. These will be elected at an AGM by a straight majority of those present.
 - 5.2. The officers so appointed will serve for a period of two years. They will be eligible for re-election.

5.3. Officers can be removed by the group at a meeting called specifically for that purpose. Two weeks notice must be given for such a meeting. A straight majority of those attending the meeting will be required for such a decision.

5.4. Any officer elected to replace those removed will serve for the remainder of the two-year period.

6. COMMITTEE

6.1. The officers will form the basis of a committee for the group.

6.2. In addition to the officers, the committee can have up to six members who will be undertaking specific, agreed and appropriate duties commensurate with the core purposes of the group.

6.3. The committee members will be elected at an AGM and will stand for a period of two years. They will be eligible for re-election.

6.4. Committee members can be removed by the group at a meeting called specifically for that purpose. Two weeks notice must be given for such a meeting. A straight majority of those attending the meeting will be required for such a decision.

6.5. If there is only one nomination for any position of officer or committee member that person will be elected unopposed.

7. FUNDING

7.1. Any income received by the group shall be applied solely towards the promotion and achievement of the objectives of the group.

7.2. Any member may be paid out of, or be reimbursed from the property of the group all reasonable expenses incurred by her/him when acting on behalf of the group. Such action will require the approval of the officers of the group.

7.3. None of the property of the group may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus, dividend or otherwise by way of profit to any members of the group.

8. MEETINGS

8.1. The committee and officers will meet as required.

8.2. The full group will meet a minimum of once a year, which will act as the AGM for the group.

8.3. Additional meetings of the whole group will be kept to a minimum, and will take place when the committee decide it would be in the best interest of the group.

8.4. Two weeks notice will be given for the AGM and any other meetings of the whole group.

8.5. In all votes required at any meeting of the group, the chair will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

9. PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

9.1. The group will be a partner organisation to the Sandbach Woodland & Wildlife Group, SWWG and the groups will mutually help and cooperate where appropriate.

10. DISSOLUTION

10.1. The group will cease operating when a majority of those attending a meeting, specifically called for that purpose, vote for the dissolution.

10.2. Any monies held by the group at the time of such a dissolution will be passed to an organisation dealing with environmental or conservation matters in the Sandbach Area. The appropriate organisation will be decided by a straight majority vote of those attending the meeting.

Signed (chairman)

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