

SUSTAINABLE AXBRIDGE NETWORK

Constitution as an unincorporated association.

Adopted at a meeting of the Network, 6th October 2008

NAME	The name of the association shall be: Sustainable Axbridge Network
OBJECTIVES	<p>To monitor, research and publicise positive local responses to global climatic, environmental and energy changes.</p> <p>To initiate and/or support local projects aimed at the sustainability of the economic, cultural and spiritual life of the community.</p> <p>To support and liaise with other groups and projects sharing similar sustainability objectives.</p>
MEMBERSHIP	Membership is automatically open to residents of Axbridge and others who wish to support the network.
MANAGEMENT	<p>The network shall be managed by a committee consisting of three officers – Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer – acting together with at least three other members. A quorum shall be five members, including at least two officers.</p> <p>If such a committee is not present at a given meeting the officers shall discuss the relevant business with a sufficient number of ordinary members before proceeding.</p> <p>After first appointment, the officers shall be nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting, which will take place sometime between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice.</p> <p>The committee shall be able to nominate sub-committees consisting of officers or members to facilitate different programmes and projects.</p>
FUNDING	<p>The committee is empowered subject to the approval of an ordinary meeting (a) to request donations from members to defray ordinary running expenses (e.g. printing, stationery, membership of national bodies); (b) to organise fundraising events, (c) to request funding from other bodies.</p> <p>The committee is further empowered to call a special meeting to establish a formal subscription structure if necessary. That structure shall be subject to ratification at each Annual General Meeting.</p>

FINANCES

All monies raised by or on behalf of the group shall be applied to further the objectives of the group and for no other purpose.

The Treasurer shall keep proper account of the finances of the network and shall open a bank account in the name of the network. All cheques or authorisations shall be signed by two officers in accordance with a quorate decision.

The account books and bank statements of the network shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting for inspection and approval.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

Any alteration to this constitution shall require the approval of a two-thirds majority at an annual or special general meeting. The minimum number to vote in favour of a change shall be 10 members.

Any resolution to change the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward.

The Secretary shall give at least 14 days notice of special and annual general meetings. Other meetings may be called at shorter notice, but wherever possible with a minimum of 7 days.

DISSOLUTION

If the Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the network as an association, it shall call a special meeting with notice as above and stating the terms of the proposed dissolution. If that dissolution is confirmed by a

simple

majority of those present and voting (the minimum present being 10 members) the Committee shall have the power to settle any

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liabilities and apply any remaining assets to charitable purposes benefit of a body having similar objectives to the network.