

# CONSTITUTION OF: HUCKNALL WILDLIFE GROUP

## ADOPTED ON: 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### **1. Name**

The name of the Group shall be: Hucknall Wildlife Group

### **2. Aims**

The aims of the Group shall be to:

- a) To protect and care for fauna and flora in the local area.
- b) Educate, inform and involve the local community in the protection and care of fauna and flora in the local area.
- c) To work with other similar organisations and groups as well as local councils and government for the benefit of local fauna and flora.
- d) To provide events and opportunities for the local community to become involved in the protection of fauna and flora.
- e) The group shall remain apolitical.

### **3. Powers / Objectives**

In order to achieve its aims, the group may:

- a) Raise funds, receive grants or donations.
- b) Attend events locally and nationally to raise awareness of both our group and our cause.
- c) Work with other groups and organisations with similar purposes.
- d) Raise awareness of our cause through regular open meetings and media.

### **4. Membership**

- a) Membership of the Group shall be open to any person over 18 or an organisation living or located in the Hucknall and surrounding area who is interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims, willing to abide by the rules of the Group and willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Management Committee.
- b) Non-voting membership is available to individuals under the age of 18 without paying a subscription.
- c) Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.

- d) Every individual member and each organisation shall have one vote at General Meetings.
- e) The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Management Committee but the member has a right to be heard by the Management Committee before a final decision is made.
- f) Each member organisation shall appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Group and notify the Group's Secretary of that person's name.

## **5. Management**

- a) The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of the Officers and not more than ten other members elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- b) The Officers of the Management Committee shall be: the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- c) The Management Committee shall meet at least six times a year
- d) The Chairperson shall chair all meetings of the Group.
- e) The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be seven members.
- f) Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.
- g) The Management Committee may by a two-thirds majority vote and for a good and proper reason remove any Committee member, provided that person has the right to be heard before a final decision is made.
- h) The Management Committee may appoint another member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy provided the maximum number is not exceeded.

## **6. Duties of the Officers**

- a) The duties of the Chairperson are to:
  - Chair meetings of the Committee and the Group
  - Represent the Group at functions / meetings that the Group has been invited to
  - Act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary
- b) The duties of the Secretary are to:
  - Take and keep minutes of meetings
  - Prepare the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group in consultation with the Chairperson
  - Deal with correspondence
  - Collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group
- c) The duties of the Treasurer are to:
  - Supervise the financial affairs of the Group
  - Keep proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the Group
  - Maintain the membership list

## **7. Finance**

- a) Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group
- b) Any bank accounts opened for the group shall be in the name of the Group
- c) Any payments made shall be authorised by the Treasurer and either the Group Chairperson or the Group Secretary

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

- a) The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of March
- b) All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the AGM and shall be entitled to attend and vote. The quorum for an AGM will be seven members
- c) The business of the AGM shall include:
  - Receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group's activities over the year
  - Receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group
  - Electing a new Management Committee
  - Considering any other matter as may be decided

## **9. Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by any two members to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All paid up members shall be entitled to attend and vote.

## **10. 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 or the AGM.

## **11. 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 shall be given to another Group with similar aims.

**This Constitution was adopted at the General Meeting of the Group**

**on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Signed by:**

Chairperson Hannah Perkins

Secretary Wendy Vincent

Treasurer Ian D Johnson