

Constitution of the Jesus Green Association

1. Name

The name of the association shall be Jesus Green Association (hereafter called the Association).

2. Association Objectives

- a) To encourage the appropriate use and enjoyment of Jesus Green and its facilities by members of the public.
- b) To discourage the spoliation or inappropriate use of Jesus Green by individuals or organisations.
- c) To work with the City Council to identify areas of poor maintenance and failure to meet standards and rectify these through creative solutions.
- d) To work to ensure that Jesus Green meets the needs of the local community.
- e) To be fully engaged with proposed developments and improvements on Jesus Green.
- f) To ensure that any developments and improvements are sympathetic to the nature, characteristics and qualities of Jesus Green.
- g) To consider funding opportunities that would enhance the character of Jesus Green.
- h) To work with the City Council to agree and fulfill appropriate aims and objectives of the Parks for People strategy, including the conservation strategy.
- i) To work with the City Council and other partner authorities to prepare and adopt management plans for Jesus Green.

3. Powers

In furtherance of the said objectives but not further or otherwise the Association shall have power to do such lawful things as shall promote or achieve the said objectives or any of them.

4. Membership

- a) Membership of the Association shall be open to all Cambridge Council Tax payers, Business Rate payers and other persons or organisations who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Association.
- b) The Committee hereinafter constituted shall have the right:
 - i) to approve or reject applications for membership
 - ii) for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member, provided that the member concerned shall have the right to appeal at a general meeting before a final decision is made.
- c) Every member shall each year subscribe to the Association such annual sum, if any, as shall be agreed at the preceding Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned.

5. Honorary Officers

- a) At the Annual General meeting hereinafter mentioned, the Association shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer (hereinafter called Honorary Officers) who must be members of the Association.
- b) The Honorary Officers shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after their election but shall be eligible for re-election provided that no Honorary Officer shall hold office for more than three consecutive years. On the expiration of such period two further years must elapse before any former Honorary Officer shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Honorary Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Committee hereinafter constituted.

6. Committee

- a) Save as otherwise herein provided, the policy and general management of the affairs of the Association shall be directed by the Committee hereinafter constituted.
- b) The Committee shall consist of the Honorary Officers and not less than two nor more than twelve other members of the Association elected by the Annual General Meeting hereinafter mentioned.
- c) In addition to the Honorary Officers and the members so elected, the Committee may co-opt to serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity other interested individuals or representatives of statutory or voluntary agencies active in the locality or of such other organisations as the Committee may determine provided that no such co-opted member shall be invited to vote.
- d) The members of the Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next after their election or co-option, as the case may be, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-co-option.
- e) The Committee shall meet not less than three times per year.
- f) Four members of the Committee (or one third of the Committee members for the time being – whichever is the greater) shall constitute a quorum.
- g) Minute books shall be kept by the Committee and the Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions of the Committee.

7. General Meeting

- a) The first general meeting of the Association shall be held not later than November 2004, and once in each year thereafter an Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such a time (not being more than 15 months after the holding of the preceding Annual General Meeting) and place as the Committee shall determine. At such Annual General Meeting the business shall include:
 - i) The receipt of the Annual Report and the Accounts for the preceding year from the Committee.
 - i) The appointment of an auditor or auditors/independent examiner.
 - ii) The election of the honorary officers and the members (other than co-opted members) to serve on the Committee.
 - iii) The determination of the annual membership subscription, if any, under 4c) hereof.

- iv) The transaction of such other matters as may from time to time be necessary.
- b)
 - i) The Committee may at any time and the Secretary shall within 21 days of receiving written request to do so, signed by not less than one quarter of the members for the time being of the Association (or such other members of the Association the General Meeting may from time to time determine) and giving reasons for the request, call a special general meeting of the Association.
 - ii) Notification of General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to all members not less than 21 days prior to the meeting.
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 - i) The quorum for a general meeting shall be one fifth of the total membership for the time being of the Association or such other number of the Association in General Meeting shall from time to time determine.
 - ii) Save as otherwise herein provided, all questions arising at a general meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and voting there at. A member of the Association shall be entitled to appoint a proxy who shall be a member of the Association to attend any General Meeting that he is unable to attend and to exercise the vote of the member in whose stead he is attending in addition to his own vote. Provided that no such entitlement shall apply in respect of clauses 9 and 10 hereof. Save as foresaid, no person shall exercise more than one vote but in case of an equality of votes, the Chair or in their absence, the member elected to chair the meeting, shall have second or casting vote.

8. Finance

- a) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the Association and shall prepare accounts for the last financial year for submission to the members at the Annual General Meeting and the words financial year shall mean the period 1st April – 31st March inclusive.
- b) The accounts shall be audited at least once a year by the auditor or auditors appointed by the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The funds of the Association shall be applied in furtherance of its objectives and no payment shall be made to any members except for the reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- d) A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association with such bank as the Committee may from time to time determine. The Committee shall authorise in writing the Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary to sign cheques on behalf of the Association. All cheques must be signed by not less than two out of the three authorised signatories.

9. Alteration to the Constitution

No alteration or addition to this constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Association called for such a purpose. No alteration or addition shall be made to clause 2, this clause 9 and clause 10 and no alteration shall be made which would cause the Association to be a charity in law. Alterations or additions to the constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

10. Dissolution

The Association may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall be given (to the members). Such a resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association but provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objectives similar to some or all of the objectives of the Association as the Association may determine and if so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some charitable purpose.

Signed and dated:

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary