



Constitution (set of rules) of Wiltshire Climate Alliance

The Constitution below was adopted by an online vote of members on 19th April 2020, during the first Corona Virus lock-down and as modified at AGMs in 2021 and 2022.

It is deemed to be in force until such time as members require modification.

Under the government's Corona Virus Emergency legislation, our organisation is now empowered to hold an online AGM with online voting. This AGM on 30th January 2021 is therefore asked to formally ratify this Constitution, before considering any further amendments. Elections will then be held for officers and Committee members.

Interim Constitution of Wiltshire Climate Alliance (an unincorporated association)

1. The name of the association is the Wiltshire Climate Alliance, hereinafter referred to as the Alliance.
2. The Alliance is a voluntary network of groups and individuals within Wiltshire campaigning to increase awareness of the climate and ecological emergency and for measures to combat it.
3. The aims of the Alliance are to facilitate communication and mutual support between and among its members, and to enable the planning, co-ordination and carrying out of joint events, initiatives and campaigns, particularly within Wiltshire and working with local authorities wherever possible.
4. Membership is open to any individual or group (excluding political parties) within Wiltshire who subscribes to the above aims. Membership is voluntary: a member may resign at any time, and members are not bound by decisions of the Alliance.
5. There shall be no membership fee, but members may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards costs incurred (or expected to be incurred) by the Alliance. Membership may be discontinued if an organisation or individual fails to behave responsibly or brings the WCA into disrepute. A decision on these grounds may be made by a General Meeting or by the Committee, but if made by the Committee the member concerned shall have a right to appeal to the next General Meeting, who may confirm or overturn that decision.
6. The Alliance shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), which all members shall be entitled to attend. Each AGM shall take place within a period of 14 months from the previous AGM. The AGM shall elect a Committee, which may call additional General Meetings as it sees fit, and shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) within one calendar month if petitioned by 20% of members to do so. All members will be given at least 14 days notice by email in advance of each AGM, EGM or other General Meeting. All General Meetings may be held online if the Committee so decides."
7. The Committee shall comprise a Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Youth Co-ordinator and up to seven committee members. In the event of any of these positions being unfilled at the AGM, or of any vacancies occurring for any other reason, the Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members to fill such vacancies, subject to any such co-options being endorsed by the next available General Meeting. The Committee may also be referred to as the Steering Group.

8. The ultimate decision-making body of the Alliance shall be the General Meeting. The Committee shall carry out decisions made by the General Meeting, and shall be empowered to make other decisions between General Meetings as it considers necessary. Decisions will largely be made and actions carried out by member groups, including topic or task groups, coming together in joint initiatives. The main role of the committee is to support communication and networking to facilitate joint action, and to provide the infrastructure necessary (eg newsletter). The committee will maintain an overview, seek to develop a common approach and resolve differences among members, and decide on expenditure of any WCA funds available. It will take overall responsibility for specific county-wide actions, and for arranging General Meetings as provided in clause 6 above.
9. Every reasonable effort shall be made to reach decisions, both in General Meetings and in the Committee, by consensus wherever possible. If no consensus can be reached, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of members voting.
10. This constitution may be amended by a simple majority of members voting at any General Meeting, provided that the notice convening that General Meeting has included notice of the proposed constitutional amendment.