



CLIMATE ACTION

Constitution of: Climate Action Stokesley and Villages

Adopted on: 15th February 2022

Name and Objectives

1. The name of the group shall be Climate Action Stokesley and Villages (CASaV).
2. The group shall work within the following geographical area: Stokesley and surrounding villages.
3. The aim of the group is to help the communities in Stokesley and the surrounding villages to take action on climate change by supporting and developing local initiatives to reduce carbon emissions or adapt to the changing climate.
4. In order to achieve its aim, the group may:
 - a. Raise money
 - b. Open a bank account
 - c. Organise or attend events
 - d. Do media work
 - e. Lobby elected representatives
 - f. Work with other groups and exchange information
 - g. Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aim

Membership

5. There is an annual membership fee. The amount to be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
6. Membership of the group is open to any person, supporting the aim of the group, whatever their age upon payment of the membership fee.
7. Membership is open to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.
8. Every member shall have a chance to share their opinion at meetings and a vote in taking key decisions.
9. Membership may be refused or withdrawn from any person who has brought CASaV into disrepute or has been or is acting in contradiction to the objectives of CASaV. Any such person to whom membership is either refused or withdrawn will have a right of appeal, in the first instance to the steering group and finally to the next Annual General Meeting.

Management

10. Meetings should be organised regularly, be held in accessible venues and advertised publicly to encourage new members to join.
11. The group will manage members' details in accordance with the latest General Data Protection Regulation.
12. The group will have one main point of contact and one or more group organisers and offer opportunities to all members to take on specific roles as established by the steering group.
13. A steering group shall be responsible for the management and administration of CASaV including appropriate policies and procedures.
14. The group can open a bank or building society account in the name specified above. It will have at least three signatories to the account, and two signatures shall be required on any transaction made from this account.
15. Any money obtained by the group shall be used only for the group.
16. Any changes in the constitution would need agreement from 75% of the members.

Annual General Meeting

- 17.** An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year.
- 18.** The Annual General Meeting shall receive the written report of the steering group and the accounts (unaudited), and shall elect members of the steering group.
- 19.** There shall be at least three members of the steering group.
- 20.** Steering group members shall be elected for a period of 3 years. They may stand down and be re-elected.
- 21.** Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given at least 28 days in advance of the date of the meeting.

Termination

- 22.** The group shall be wound up by a vote at a General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of intention to wind up the group must be sent to all members at least 14 days before any such meeting. At the meeting where it is decided to close the group, a decision shall also be taken as to what shall be done with any remaining funds.