

THE FRIENDS OF LARKHALL PARK GROUP

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. NAME

1.1 The name of the organisation is “The Friends of Larkhall Park Group” (hereinafter referred to as “The Friends”).

2. ADDRESS

2.1 The headquarters of The Friends shall be at Courland Grove Baptist Church, Courland Grove, London SW8, or at such other address as the Annual General Meeting shall determine.

3. OBJECTS

3.1 The Friends is a non-profit distributing environmental body established for the benefit of the public, whose Objects are:

3.1.1 to protect, improve and promote the enjoyment of the area known as Larkhall Park as a place of landscaped public open space, ecological interest, amenity and recreation;

3.1.2 to ensure that a balance is maintained between the use of Larkhall Park by interested persons for specific purposes and its maintenance as a public open space for the benefit of all.

4. POWERS

4.1 In order to further and achieve the Objects, and for no other purpose, The Friends shall be empowered to:

4.1.1 Raise and receive funds from donations, subscriptions, grants and from other sources and by other means, provided The Friends shall not undertake any permanent trading activities

4.1.2 Open and operate a bank account in the name of The Friends at such bank as the Committee of Management shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by two members of the Committee of Management

4.1.3 Use funds raised and received to further the Objects by collecting and publishing or by other means disseminating information; organising events, social and recreational activities; carrying out or commissioning work; employing staff and engaging consultants (who shall not be members of the Committee of Management); leasing and equipping property; purchasing goods; and undertaking such other activities as The Friends shall from time to time decide

4.1.4 Co-operate with and put forward proposals to the London Borough of Lambeth (or such other body as shall be responsible for the management and maintenance of Larkhall Park) in respect of the use, protection, improvement and enhancement of Larkhall Park

4.1.5 Do such other lawful things as The Friends shall decide are necessary for the achievement of the Objects.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Any individual or organisation that accepts the Objects shall be eligible for membership, provided that at no time do representatives of the London Borough of Lambeth or of any landfill operator, or of any company controlled by or any individuals connected with either of these, constitute a majority of the Members.

5.2 Every Member shall pay an annual subscription. The subscription shall be of such amount, and payable on such day of the year, as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

5.3 Membership shall cease if the annual subscription is not paid three months after the date on which it should have been paid.

5.4 Only bona fide Members shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Every Member shall have one vote.

5.5 Only bona fide Members shall be eligible for election to the Committee of Management.

6. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

6.1 The policy and general management of The Friends shall be directed and controlled by a Committee of Management (hereinafter called "the Committee") consisting of no fewer than three nor more than 10 Members, including the honorary Officers.

6.2 The Committee shall be elected by the Members from amongst themselves at the Annual General Meeting. Members who neither represent or are connected with the London Borough of Lambeth or any landfill operator must always constitute a majority of the members on the Committee.

6.3 Every Committee member shall serve for a term of one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

6.4 Every candidate for election shall be proposed by a Member and shall have consented to nomination.

6.5 The following honorary Officers shall be elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting, to serve a term of one year:

Chairman
Treasurer

6.6 Every matter except alterations to the constitution (Clause 10) shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present and voting. The Chairman of the meeting shall *not* have a casting vote.

7. PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

7.1 The Committee shall hold at least two meetings a year.

7.2 The quorum of the Committee shall be three members present in person, one of whom must be *either* the Chairman *or* the Treasurer. Members who neither represent nor are connected with the London Borough of Lambeth or any landfill operator must always constitute a majority of those present when any decision is taken.

7.3 The Committee may elect from amongst its members the following honorary Officers:

Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Membership Secretary

and such other honorary Officers as the Committee shall from time to time determine

7.4 The Committee may co-opt any Member of The Friends to be a member of the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting, provided the Committee never numbers more than 10 members and that there are never more than three co-opted members at any one time.

7.5 A co-opted member of the Committee shall be eligible for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

7.6 Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the Committee present and voting. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

7.7 The Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its meetings.

7.8 The Committee shall have a duty to ensure that all income and expenditure is properly recorded and that the annual accounts are prepared in time to be presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

8. FINANCE

8.1 The Friends shall keep and maintain full accounting records that identify all income and expenditure.

8.2 Accounts comprising a statement of income and expenditure incurred during the previous financial year, and of cash balances, creditors and debtors at the end of the financial year, shall be presented to the Members for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

9.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members shall be held within six months of the end of The Friends' financial year.

9.2 The business of the AGM shall include:

9.2.1 A report on the activities of The Friends since the previous AGM

9.2.2 A report on the finances of The Friends and presentation for approval of the accounts for the previous financial year

9.2.3 Election of Committee members

9.2.4 Election of Chairman and Treasurer.

9.3 At least 21 days notice of the AGM shall be given, in writing or by electronic means, to all Members of The Friends.

9.4 The Chairman shall chair the AGM or, in her/his absence, another member of the Committee shall be appointed by those present to chair the AGM.

9.5 The Committee, or any three Members, may call a Special General Meeting at any time. At least 21 days' notice shall be given, in writing or by electronic means, both of the date of the Special General Meeting and of the business to be transacted.

9.6 The quorum at a General Meeting shall be five Members present at the meeting or at least one tenth of the Members of The Friends for the time being, whichever is the greater.

9.7 The Secretary (if any) or another Member shall keep a full record of proceedings at every General Meeting.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

10.1 The Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members present and voting at a quorate General Meeting. The notice of the General Meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration(s) proposed.

11. DISSOLUTION

11.1 If the Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve The Friends, it shall call a Special General Meeting for this purpose, stating the purpose of the meeting and the resolution to be proposed.

11.2 If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and voting, the Committee shall have power to realise the assets held by or on behalf of The Friends. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other local, non-profit distributing body whose Objects are similar to the Objects of The Friends as the Committee shall determine, or failing that shall be applied for some charitable purpose for the benefit of people in the London Borough of Lambeth.

RESOLUTIONS

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 9 July 2002 the members of the Friends of Larkhall unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolution 1

The members of the Friends of Larkhall Park adopt the draft Constitution of the Friends of Larkhall Park.

Resolution 2

In connection with the application that the Board of Management has decided to make to enrol The Friends as an environmental body with ENTRUST, the meeting resolved that:

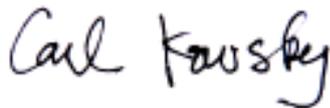
The work of The Friends shall not be for the benefit of landfill site operators who may contribute to The Friends and claim credit under the Landfill Tax Credit scheme. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in the landfill tax regulations.

The Friends shall not carry out, promote or pay for work required to be completed under any notice issued the Control of Pollution Act 1974, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Water Resources Act 1991, or required by any planning permission, statutory consent or by agreement under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Friends shall separately identify in the accounts the receipt and application of all contributions received under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

The Committee of Management shall notify ENTRUST within 7 days of any changes it may make in the composition of the Committee, including the names, addresses and occupations and employers of any new members”.

Carl Kowsky



Chair

19 June 2014