

# CONSTITUTION OF LEITH HILL ACTION GROUP

as an unincorporated association – adopted 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – amended 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

## Name

1. The name of the group shall be Leith Hill Action Group (hereinafter called LHAG)

## Objects

2. The objects of LHAG shall be, for the benefit of the more than 600,000 visitors who visit the Leith Hill area of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding natural beauty each year, and for the benefit of residents of Coldharbour, Dorking and surrounding areas:
  - 2.1 to prevent the use of Bury Hill Wood, Coldharbour as a surface site for oil and/or gas exploration;
  - 2.2 in the event that the first object is defeated, to campaign for planning conditions which will minimise the impact of such development;
  - 2.3 in the event that the first object is defeated, to prevent the use of the site as an oil and/or gas appraisal or production wellhead;
  - 2.4 to conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty in and around the Leith Hill area of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural beauty.

## Committee

3. LHAG shall be run by a committee nominated from within the group. New members will be voted on to the committee by the existing committee members by simple majority. The committee shall consist of no less than four (4) and no more than ten (10) members.
4. Committee members shall elect from within their numbers a Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary.
5. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair and in any case, unless unanimously agreed otherwise, not less than once in every three months. A quorum for committee meetings shall be four (4).

## Finance

6. LHAG shall be non-profit making, and all monies raised shall be used to further the objectives of the group and for no other purpose, except as provided at Clause 8 below.
7. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances and shall open and operate a bank account in the name of LHAG.
8. The committee may decide at any time by unanimous vote to distribute all funds in excess of liabilities in accordance with the provisions of Clause 10.

## Dissolution

9. The committee may decide at any time by two thirds majority to dissolve LHAG on the grounds that objective 2.1 has been substantially achieved, on the grounds of expense, or for any other reason.
10. Upon dissolution, or if the committee has voted to implement clause 8, funds in excess of the total received from individual donors shall be donated to a body working in accordance with the aims of LHAG (“individual donors” are individuals who have provided funds to LHAG other than in exchange for goods or services). Funds up to the total received from individual donors shall be returned to individual donors in the following manner:
  - i. Calculate a pro-rated refund weighted by the donation provided by each individual
  - ii. Exclude donors whose refund would be less than £50 on this basis
  - iii. Redistribute funds from excluded donors amongst those whose refund would be at least £50.

Having performed this calculation, a check should be made that no donor who has received a refund is now in a position of having donated less (net of refund) than any donor who has not received a refund. If this is found to be the case, the calculation should be repeated by reducing the cut-off point either to the point at which the check is now true or to £25, whichever is higher.