

Save Birmingham Constitution

Name

The name of the Group is Save Birmingham, referred to as 'the group' in these rules.

Aims of the group

Save Birmingham is a campaign to protect our community places.

Our aims are to:

- show the importance of heritage, cultural and community places – from the City Centre to buildings and parks in every local area,
- identify and officially register those places for protection; and
- explore and promote community-owned and co-operative solutions for public spaces and services that are fair and sustainable.

Powers

To further these aims, the group may exercise the following powers

- To raise funds and receive contributions, donations and otherwise, provided that the group shall not undertake any permanent trading activity
- To bring together representatives of voluntary and statutory organisations, government departments and individuals
- To produce leaflets/posters to publicise group activities
- To hold meetings
- To pay the necessary expenses involved in running the group
- To employ staff, when necessary, to carry out work

- To undertake any other lawful activity to further the group's aims

Membership

Membership of the group shall be open to all persons and organisations in sympathy with the group's aims and willing to abide by the group's constitution.

Each member will have one vote and will be eligible to stand for election onto the committee.

The group will be non-party-political, non-sectarian and will be committed to non-discriminatory practices and equal opportunities.

Management Committee

The group shall elect a committee of between 3 to 10 members who will direct the policy and management of the group, including a designated Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

They shall be elected to serve for one year after which time they may stand for re-election.

The Chair will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

The committee will have the power to co-opt members if it wishes to use this power.

The committee will meet a minimum of four times per year. The quorum level will be set at five members.

Meetings

General meetings will be held as often as necessary and at least twice per year.

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the group shall be held every year, normally in the month of September. All members shall be notified not less than fourteen days before the meeting. An agenda will be circulated. Business of the AGM will include electing the committee; reporting on the activities during the year, amendments to the constitution and approval of the group's accounts.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be held at the chair's discretion or by a written request to the chair of not less than ten members. The meeting shall be called within twenty-one days of such a request and appropriate measures taken to inform all members. An Extraordinary General Meeting should only consider the business specified in the request.

Finances

- Any money raised shall be used to further the aims of the group and for no other purpose
- Funds will only be distributed to members in return for services provided to further the aims of the group
- No member shall derive any financial benefit from the group, except for payment of 'reasonable expenses'
- No money will be paid out in the name of the group without a receipt being presented
- Funds will be held and managed by a co-opted member organisation on behalf of the group

- A simple written note of the group's financial position will be produced and available at committee meetings
- A statement of accounts shall be tabled at the AGM

Amendments to the constitution

If amendment(s) to the constitution are necessary, members will be informed in writing and given the opportunity to consider and vote on the amendments, which will be tabled at the next scheduled general meeting. The amendment(s) will be made if there is a majority vote of those members present.

Dissolution

If the committee, by a simple majority, deem it advisable to dissolve the group, it shall call a meeting of all the members of the group, giving not less than 14 days notice. If such a decision is confirmed by a majority of those present, then all the assets of the group shall be transferred to another local voluntary group or community group with similar aims.

Adopted on the 3rd day of July 2024.

Signed: Jeevan Jones (Chair)

Signed: Kathy Hopkin (Secretary)

Signed: Phil Beardmore (Treasurer)