

Constitution

1. The NAME of the organisation shall be **Save Our green Spaces-S.O.S.**

2. OBJECTIVES

In association with other groups to preserve and enhance the historic Commons, Greens, Parks and Pieces, which have nurtured the character of The City of Cambridge both for residents and for millions of visitors annually, and to improve public access to green spaces where it currently does not exist.

3. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be only one class of membership. Anyone may apply for membership to the Secretary of **S.O.S** who will put the matter before the Committee for a decision. An annual membership fee will be payable.

4. COMMITTEE

- a) **S.O.S** shall be governed by a Committee consisting of up to seven members. All members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of **S.O.S** and shall hold office until the next AGM when they shall become eligible for re-election.
- b) All members of **S.O.S** shall be eligible to serve on the Committee.
- c) The elections at the AGM shall be for a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four ordinary members. All nominees should be present at the AGM or provide a signed nomination slip. Voting shall be by show of hands or ballot as decided by the meeting. Should any officer of the Committee wish to stand down during his period of office, a member of **S.O.S** may be co-opted by the Committee to fill the vacancy.
- d) The Committee shall be empowered to form Sub-Committees or appoint officers for any special purpose and may co-opt any member of **S.O.S** to undertake these tasks. Any such Sub-Committee or appointment may be dissolved by the Committee at any time, but in any case shall be automatically dissolved at the next AGM.
- e) A Quorum of a meeting of the Committee shall be four members, one of whom must be the Chairman or Secretary. In the absence of the Chairman those present shall elect an acting Chairman from among their number. At each meeting of the Committee each member excluding the Chairman shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- f) Meetings of the Committee shall be convened at the discretion of the Chairman or by at least three members of the Committee. At least three days notice of each meeting shall be given to all members of the Committee in writing.
- g) The Chairman and any other two members of the Committee shall be empowered to make emergency decisions in the interests of **S.O.S** without reference to a full meeting of the Committee. Any such decisions taken shall be reported to the next full meeting of the Committee, which shall be held not more than one month later.
- h) The Committee shall decide whether any meeting should be open to all members of **S.O.S** or they can invite particular individuals to attend. Notice of Open Committee meetings shall be circulated or posted publicly.
- i) The group may at any time be dissolved by a decision passed by a majority of two thirds of those members present and voting at a meeting of the group. There must be at least twenty-one clear days notice of the meeting sent to all members of the group informing the members that this is the purpose of the meeting. Any assets or surplus funds must be given to another organisation with similar objects

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

A General Meeting shall be held:

- a) At any time at the discretion of the Committee.
- b) Within one month of a written request signed by ten members providing that there has been no General Meeting for two months. Only the Committee shall be empowered to call a General Meeting.