

Constitution of Friends of St George Park

1. Name

The name of the Association is:

Friends of St George Park

A non-profit making community association that aims to improve St George Park and make it more enjoyable for all sections of the community and to encourage more people to use and care for it.

2. Objects

The objects of the Association are to:

- 2.1 Encourage and develop support for the park amongst local residents, businesses and organisations.
- 2.2 Develop a constructive relationship with Bristol City Council and other organisations to improve the park.
- 2.3 Improve and develop facilities in the park.
- 2.4 Develop and encourage sport in the park.
- 2.5 Improve and protect the park and its lake as a valuable open space and wildlife area.
- 2.6 Encourage arts and community events in the park.
- 2.7 Monitor maintenance and services in the park, including park furniture
- 2.8 Encourage more people to use the park and to use it responsibly.
- 2.9 Improve publicity of events, issues and activities through the park notice boards and other means.
- 2.10 Work with police and others to reduce crime and improve security.

3. Powers

The powers of the organisation shall be as follows:

- 3.1 To do anything within the law, which has been agreed by the Committee, that promotes or helps to promote the objects of the Association.

4. Membership

- 4.1 Membership shall be open to anyone aged 16 or over who wishes to promote the Objects of the Association.
- 4.2 Application for membership is treated as consent to record the member's name, postal and electronic addresses and telephone number(s) in any data processing system used by the Committee.
- 4.3 Information about members will be kept secure, treated as confidential and not be disclosed to any third party without the member's consent.
- 4.4 A member may leave the group at any time by notifying the Secretary.
- 4.5 The Committee may, by unanimous vote and for good reason, refuse or terminate the membership of any individual. The individual has the right to be heard by the Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a decision is made.
- 4.6 A member shall have one vote at an AGM or General Meeting if they have been a member for three months or more.

5. General Meetings

- 5.1 The Association will hold at least one General Meeting each calendar year (the Annual General Meeting).
- 5.2 At the Annual General Meeting the members shall:
 - a. Receive the report of the Management Committee of the year's activities.
 - b. Receive the annual accounts of the Association.
 - c. Elect Members to the Management Committee.
 - d. Discuss and determine any issues of policy or deal with any other business put before them by the Management Committee or members.
- 5.3 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Management Committee and must be called within 14 days after a written request from the lower 20% of the membership or 10 members.

- 5.4 At least ten day's notice shall be given to all members of the group of all special or general meetings.
- 5.5 An Annual or Special meeting requires the lower 20% of the membership or 10 members to be present before it can proceed or before any vote is taken.

6. Management Committee

- 6.1 The Committee will be elected by the membership at its Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 The Committee will consist of no more than 7 members. These shall include a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 6.3 The quorum for the Committee will be 4.
- 6.4 The Committee may co-opt members and establish sub-committees for specific purposes.
- 6.5 At least 6 Committee meetings will be held each year.
- 6.6 The Committee will minute all meetings. Minutes will be made public other than items that the Committee deems confidential.

7. Income and Property

- 7.1 The property and funds of the Association must be used only for the promoting the Objects and do not belong to the members of the Association or the Committee.
- 7.2 Members may be paid reasonable out of pocket expenses if agreed by the Committee.
- 7.3 The Association will keep a record of all income and expenditure and will ensure that these accounts will be verified annually at the AGM.

8. Declaration of Interest

- 8.1 It shall be the duty of any member of the group or Management Committee who is in any way directly interested financially or professionally in Friends of St George Park to declare such interest and not to use the group for any promotional or financial gain.

9. Changes to the Constitution

- 9.1 The constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds majority of the members present and voting at a general meeting. Members must be given two week's notice of the meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution setting out the terms of the amendment proposed.
- 9.2 No alteration shall be made to this document that will destroy the not-for-profit nature of the Association.

10. Dissolution

The organisation can be dissolved at a general meeting with at least two thirds of the members in attendance in agreement to dissolve. After making provision for all outstanding liabilities of the Association, the Committee must transfer all the remaining property and funds to an organisation with the same or similar Objects.

Adoption

The Constitution was adopted at a meeting held at Bethesda Methodist Church, 134-140 Church Rd, Bristol BS5 9RB on 10 June 2019.

Signed by the chair of the meeting.

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