

FRIENDS OF WATERLOW PARK CONSTITUTION

DEFINITION: FRIENDS OF WATERLOW PARK (FOWP) is an association of people who care about Waterlow Park, wherever they might live.

I. OBJECTIVES

To provide, in respect of Waterlow Park: (i) a recognised support group to participate in Camden's consultative processes (ii) a monitoring facility for day-to-day matters in the park (iii) an action group on individual issues as they arise (iv) a forum for people to discuss their concerns for and interests in the park (v) liaison with various forums as appropriate (vi) a body dedicated to maintaining the beauty of the park.

II. APPLICATION OF FUNDS

All monies received on account of subscriptions and donations or otherwise shall be applied to carrying out the objectives of the FOWP.

III. MEMBERSHIP OF FOWP

(a) Any person/group who assents to the objectives of the FOWP is eligible for membership on payment of an annual subscription the amount to be determined by the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee.

(b) The subscription shall be payable on such day of the year and for such period as the Committee may determine.

(c) Any person whose subscription has not been paid within twelve months of the day on which the subscription was payable shall thereby cease to be a member.

(d) Only fully paid up members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.

(e) Honorary members may be appointed by the Committee but shall not have voting rights.

IV. OFFICERS

(a) FOWP shall have a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of the Committee and an Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer to be elected from among FOWP at the A.G.M.

(b) The officers shall be elected for periods of three years in any one of the offices and shall be eligible for re-election to that office for a further period of two years after which the officer shall not be eligible for re-election to that office for a period of one year. If no eligible member stands for election as an Officer the existing Officer, who may have served the full term under this clause, shall retain his/her position on an ongoing basis, until a replacement can be found.

V. COMMITTEE

(a) There shall be a Committee which shall be responsible for taking such steps as it considers desirable to advance the objectives of FOWP.

(b) The Committee shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as it deems necessary and to determine the membership of and terms of reference for such sub-committees.

(c) The Committee shall meet at such times it may agree provided that it meets not less than four times in every year.

(d) The quorum for the Committee shall be fifty percent of the total number of the committee.

VI MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) The Committee shall consist of the Officers and six members to be elected from among FOWP at the A.G.M.

(b) Members of the Committee shall be elected for periods of three years and shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of two years after which the member shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year. If no eligible member stands for election to the Committee the existing Committee Member, who may have served the full term under this clause, shall retain his/her position on an ongoing basis, until a replacement can be found.

(c) The Committee shall have power to co-opt up to four other members of FOWP for the period up to the next A.G.M.

VII GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in the Spring.

(b) A General Meeting shall be held each year in the Autumn.

(c) A Special General Meeting shall be called whenever the Committee shall consider it expedient or whenever at least 20 voting members request such a meeting in writing to the Hon. Secretary.

(d) 21 days' notice of any General Meeting stating the business to be transacted at that meeting shall be given to each member in writing left at or posted to his or her last known address or sent by electronic mail.

(e) A quorum at a General Meeting shall be ten percent of the total number of voting members of the FOWP. (f) At the A.G.M. - (i) a report on the preceding year shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Committee (ii) the accounts for the preceding financial year shall be submitted by the Treasurer for approval (iii) vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by election from among duly nominated candidates. Nominations should be submitted in advance. Members are entitled to nominate themselves.

VIII CHANGE OF RULES

The Constitution may be altered by FOWP in General Meeting provided that at least 21 days' notice of the proposed alterations has been given in writing to all voting members left at or posted to their last known address or sent by electronic mail. No alteration shall be made unless approved by fifty percent of the voting members present at a General Meeting.

CM. November 1997.

RATIFIED AT A.G.M. 19th March 1998.

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