

Woodcraft Folk – The Third Place

Constitution

Name

- 1.1 The name of the group for accounting and running purposes shall be Woodcraft Folk – Third Place, comprising of children in a group and adult members within the East Hampshire Area of Hampshire.

Aims

- 2.1 The group shall devise activities for members of the group.
- 2.2 The group adheres to the aims and principles set out in A&P document of the Woodcraft Folk.
- 2.3 The group will encourage and seek training of its adult members.
- 2.4 The group will seek to promote the Woodcraft Folk locally and support future development within Liss and East Hampshire.
- 2.5 The group will encourage all members to be active within its democratic structures.

Group Structure

3. A management committee shall manage the group between Annual Gatherings.
 - 3.1 The Management Committee shall meet once every half term during the school terms: a minimum of six meetings per year to include the Annual Gathering.
 - 3.2 All adult members and parents of child members may attend the annual gathering and speak during its deliberations. (An adult member being determined by having a paid up membership of the national Woodcraft Folk movement).
 - 3.3 Each adult member and young member of the national Woodcraft movement over 13years of age shall have one vote. No representative may hold more than one vote.
 - 3.4 Adult members may submit motions to the Annual Gathering.
 - 3.5 Motions must be submitted to the chairperson of the management committee within 4 weeks of the convening notice.
 - 3.6 The agenda will be issued to all individuals 2 weeks before the Annual Gathering.
 - 3.7 Motions changing the constitution shall require a 2/3rds majority of the members present and voting. Other motions shall require a simple majority of votes.
 - 3.8 The annual report and annual accounts of the group shall be presented and voted at the Annual Gathering.
 - 3.9 Nominations for the officer posts on the management committee shall be taken at the Annual Gathering.

Powers

4. The group has the power to employ staff in accordance with the National movement's policies.
 - 4.1 The group has the power to raise funds and receive contributions.
 - 4.2 The group has the power to buy, take on or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the aims and to maintain and equip it for use.
 - 4.3 The group has the power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities to further its aims.

Management Committee

- 5.1 The management committee shall consist of the Group Leader (chair), Treasurer, Child Protection Officer, Health & Safety Officer, young people and adult members.

5.2 Elections shall take place annually at a pre-determined Annual Gathering.

5.3 The management committee shall be responsible for implementing decisions made by the Annual Gathering that impact upon its work, changes within the law and management decisions.

5.4 The management committee is responsible for encouraging parental and adult member involvement.

5.5 The quorum of the Management Committee shall be 3 members.

Application of Income

6.1 The income and property of the group shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its aims as set out in this Constitution and no part of its income or property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or other distribution to the members of the group.

Dissolution

7.1 Groups may be dissolved by a majority vote of the management committee.

7.2 Upon dissolution/winding-up, any remaining funds and assets (after settling all debts and liabilities) will be given in the first instance to Woodcraft Folk or otherwise to another registered charitable organisation with similar objectives.

Adopted 21st April 2006

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