

## **CONSTITUTION of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION**

### **1. Name:**

The name of the association shall be "Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association".

### **2. Objective:**

To develop and maintain a walkable footpath network in the parish of Cleobury Mortimer and the surrounding parishes and to promote the use of the footpaths.

### **3. Motto:**

In keeping with the objective of the association its motto shall be:

**"To preserve, to protect, to enjoy."**

### **4. Membership:**

Membership shall be open to any individual with an interest in promoting footpath activities.

### **5. Officers:**

The members shall elect annually a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Footpath Officer, and Website Manager.

In the event that the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting the members in attendance at that meeting shall elect a temporary Chairman who will hold office for that meeting only.

### **6. Annual General Meeting:**

There shall be an Annual General Meeting held in the Spring of each year which shall include the following business:-

- a) Election of Officers. Nominations should be in writing to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- b) Presentation of the Chairman's report.
- c) Presentation of the Treasurer's report.
- d) Setting of the annual subscriptions for the following year.

Members shall be notified in writing of the date of the AGM at least 14 days beforehand.

## **7. Finances:**

The annual subscription (due on January 1st of each year) shall cover single, family, and youth (under 18) membership categories.

An annual examined financial statement shall normally be dated by the Treasurer to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, and be available for inspection by the membership at the AGM.

In the event that the association is wound up no surplus of funds shall be returned to the members but shall be donated to a registered charity or community organisations to be selected by the Officers.

## **8. Meeting dates:**

Ordinary meetings shall be held in Autumn, Winter, and Spring, (a quorum of 8 members needed).

Extraordinary meetings shall be held at the request of the Executive or at least 1/3rd of the members, giving 14 days notice in writing to the Secretary.

Separate sector meetings involving the Officers and members of the association covering specific activities may be held at any time.

## **9. Amendments to the Constitution:**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the Secretary in writing not less than 14 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall notify the members in writing accordingly.

Provided a quorum is present at the meeting and at least 2/3rds of those present are in favour, the amendment shall be adopted.

In the event that an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting does not have a quorum present, the Officers may select any other suitable method to assess members' opinions on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution. This may include (but is not limited to) e-mails, letters or phone calls. Provided no more than 10% of members object to the proposal, then it shall be passed as if it had been supported in a meeting as described above.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Approved revision of the Constitution.

