

# **Blackshaw Environmental Action Team (BEAT)**

## **Constitution**

1. NAME: Blackshaw Environmental Action Team (BEAT).

2. AIMS:

- a. To protect nature, wildlife and the general environment in Blackshaw.
- b. To ensure that local and national authorities and organisations act to conserve the area, involving local people in the process.
- c. To monitor and oppose any activity detrimental to nature, wildlife and the general environment in the area.
- d. To assist and/or develop any plan which enhances nature, wildlife and the general environment in the area.
- e. To encourage, promote and assist the introduction of domestic renewable energy technologies and similar sustainable initiatives, sympathetic to the general environment in the area.
- f. To promote, develop and sustain measures for the benefit of the environment in the area.

3. MEMBERSHIP: is open to anyone, irrespective of race, colour, creed or sexual orientation who pays a joining fee of £1. Only BEAT members can vote but all BEAT meetings are open to the public. If a member wishes to resign from BEAT he or she should inform the Secretary of BEAT.

4. General Meetings:

Annual General Meetings will be held at least every 15 months with at least two weeks notice to all the members.

Special General Meetings can be called by the committee or two of the Officers by giving at least two weeks notice.

The quorum for a General Meeting shall be five members. If a General Meeting is not quorate it will be reconvened a week later at the same time and place when the quorum shall be those members attending.

5. COMMITTEE:

- a. BEAT shall have an elected committee consisting as a minimum of the following officers: - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The quorum for a committee meeting will be two.
- b. Members can decide to elect other officers for specific duties and the committee can co-opt members.
- c. The committee and the officers are elected at the AGM
- d. The committee is mandated to make decisions, where practicable, between BEAT meetings but are required to report these to the members at the next meeting. Any financial decisions shall be limited to £250.
- e. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of BEAT and shall produce all accounts, documents and monies the property of BEAT in his/her possession when required to do so, and render a full and clear account at the AGM.
- f. The Secretary shall take minutes of decisions of all meetings and present them to the officers and the members meetings.
- g. If an officer resigns before an AGM a new officer can be elected at a members' meeting if at least two weeks notice has been given to all members.
- h. The committee may take whatever action is considered necessary to implement the aims providing that any commitments are approved by a formal meeting of BEAT.
- i. The Chair shall be responsible for chairing meetings and in his or her absence the meetings will be chaired by someone elected by the meeting so to do.

6. MEMBERS MEETINGS:

- a. Are to be held regularly and not less than 4 times a year, on a date, time and venue guided by the members but ultimately decided by the Officers.
  - b. Every member shall have one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chair has the casting vote.
  - c. BEAT's officers can call emergency members meetings when they consider it necessary if at least one week's notice has been given to all members.
7. APPLICATION OF FUNDS: All money received shall be applied only in the furtherance of BEAT's Aims.

8. DISSOLUTION: In the event of dissolution of BEAT, which must be agreed by two thirds of the members present at a members meeting, and after all liabilities have been settled, any assets remaining shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be transferred to some other organisation(s), having similar objectives to those of BEAT, as the members shall decide.

9. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION: The constitution may be amended by two thirds of the members present at a members meeting, of which 14 days notice has been sent to all members, including details of the proposed amendments.

Signed by:

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Finn Jensen, Treasurer of BEAT