

Stevington Environmental Group Constitution

1. Our Aims

To help Stevington residents address the climate emergency. Stevington Environmental Group (the Group) will work to:

- a) Champion and support efforts to protect and enhance the physical and natural environment of Stevington Parish.
- b) Contribute to the UK national efforts to reduce negative human impact on the environment and prevent further loss of biodiversity
- c) Promote the increase in biodiversity and the improvement of the wider environment of Stevington Parish
- d) Provide a forum for consultation with village residents, parish landowners, farmers and land managers to inform and educate on environmental matters; recommend, and where appropriate, implement policies and actions in the areas described above.

Together, these can enhance the quality of life for local people by improving their physical and mental health and act as a focus for bringing people together.

2. Membership:

Membership will be open to all residents and landowners of Stevington Parish.

3. Management

SEG will be managed by a committee comprising a chair, a secretary, a treasurer, a parish councillor and at least one other member.

Members will receive information on how to become active in SEG activities and join any working groups. Working groups may be formed to address specific environmental topics. These will be led by a nominated SEG member, who will report on work group activities and progress at committee meetings.

4. Annual General Meeting

Every year there will be an Annual General Meeting and the details of this will be publicised, with a minimum notice of two weeks.

At this meeting the members will:

- Hear and discuss a report of activities of the previous year
- Identify and discuss matters of particular importance for the forthcoming year
- Hear and discuss financial issues
- Elect officers as required
- Conduct any other relevant business as required

5. Procedure at All General Meetings

All members will have a right to attend and to vote. Decisions shall be by consensus where possible, or by a simple majority vote where necessary – except for amendments to the Constitution which require a two-thirds majority at the AGM. A quorum shall be 3 members except at the AGM where it will be 6. In the absence of a quorum, any decisions made regarding policy must be ratified at the following quorate meeting. General Meetings may decide to set up working groups or delegate any relevant tasks to individual members.

6. Other Meetings

Meetings including presentations will be held throughout the year. These meetings will be publicised in good time to members.

In addition to the above, a group of 5 or more members has the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting on a specific subject.

7. Finances

A bank account will be set up in the name of the Stevington Environmental Group. All money received in the form of donations, grants, subscriptions or any other contributions will be put into the bank account and will only be used in accordance with the policies of the Group. The Treasurer and Secretary and 2 other members will be signatories. The Treasurer and one other of the signatories will be required to approve all

transactions. The annual accounts shall be independently verified and the books shall be made available for inspection on request at the AGM.

8. Powers

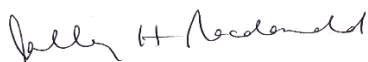
The Stevington Environment group has the power to raise funds, to employ or hire such staff or advisors as are necessary, and to enter into any transactions necessary to further its aims. It has the power to manage, licence, lease or buy property and to maintain and equip it for use. It has the power to appoint officers, and to take out liability insurance cover as required.

9. Dissolution

If a General Meeting, or 10 members, wish at any time to dissolve Stevington Environmental Group they should give to all members at least 14 days' notice of a Special General Meeting to discuss this exclusive matter. If such a decision is agreed at that meeting by a simple majority of those members present and voting, the assets will be disposed of to another voluntary organisation with compatible aims and principles, this group being agreed at the same meeting.

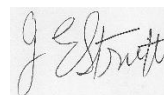
The group supports equality and inclusivity and is opposed to racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination. Expressions of such prejudice will be challenged at meetings or other activities and appropriate action taken.

This Constitution was agreed at the Stevington Environmental Group meeting on 12th May 2022.



Signed ...

..... (Secretary)



(Chair)