

CONSTITUTION

NAME The name of the Organisation shall be FRIENDS OF BASINGBOURNE PARK (FoBP)

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Organisation shall be:

1) To promote improved health and wellbeing of the local community through the use and improvement of Basingbourne Park & other local green spaces

2) To work towards maintaining and improving Basingbourne Park & neighbourhood (including the Pavilion, sports field, play park and equipment, surrounding woods and heathland, and canal side woodlands) in partnership with Fleet Town Council and other interested parties.

3) To promote the preservation and maintenance of Basingbourne Park woods and heathlands and to promote their use as a public amenity and as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)

4) To encourage increased use of Basingbourne Park and to promote improved community relationships between users of Basingbourne Park by promoting Basingbourne Park as a focus for community activities.

In furtherance of the said objectives the Organisation may, through its Committee:

1) Collect annual subscriptions from its membership.

2) Take out insurance to cover FoBP activities

3) Work with the local Councils to:

- a) Maintain and enhance the open space area.
- b) Control invasive non-native species of plants
- c) Help maintain and enhance the structural diversity of the woodland and wet heath.
- d) Enhance the amenity and wildlife value.

4) Work towards promoting and developing the educational use of the site through activity sessions, signage and liaising with local schools and youth organisations.

- 5) Provide social events for members of the local community.
- 6) Raise money for improvements in the park and for providing community activity events.
- 7) Communicate with its members and the local community via newsletters, flyers, a website and the local press
- 8) Hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- 9) Make or commission surveys of the park and create maps or plans.
- 10) Develop partnerships with organisations with similar objectives to Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP)
- 11) Do anything that is lawful which will help to fulfil the aims.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to all those who are interested in supporting the objectives of the Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP). Annual membership shall run from 1st January to the 31st December. Membership of the organisation shall be by payment of a subscription.

The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Committee but the member has the right to be heard by the Committee before a final decision is made.

SUBSCRIPTION: The level of the subscription may be set by the committee as appropriate. For the year beginning 1st January 2018, the subscriptions are as follows:
Family subscription is £5.00 per annum and Individual subscription is £2.50 per annum

The subscriptions of a Member joining the Organisation in the three months preceding 31st December in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the Organisation's year commencing on 1st January.
No Member shall have the power to vote at any meeting of the Organisation if their subscription is in arrears at the time.

The Committee have the right to increase the annual subscription.

- MANAGEMENT:
- a) Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP) shall be managed by an elected committee, whose role is (i) to ensure financial probity and (ii) pursue the stated objectives.
 - b) The Committee shall consist of a minimum of Chairperson, Secretary and a Treasurer and not less than two more members.
 - c) A Minimum of three committee members must be present at any committee meeting to form a quorum.
 - d) If a vacancy occurs amongst the members of the Committee, the Committee shall have the power to fill it by co-opting an existing Member of Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP).
 - e) The Committee shall have the right to nominate a Sub-committee consisting of the Officers and/or members in order to facilitate different programmes and activities.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: An Annual General Meeting open to all members shall be held each year.

The Committee may convene a Special General Meeting of the Organisation at any time.

- FINANCE
- a) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Organisation shall be applied to further the objects of the Organisation and for no other purpose.
 - b) The Treasurer shall keep proper account of the finances of the Organisation and shall open a Bank Account in the name of the Organisation. All cheques or Authorisation shall be jointly signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer.
 - c) The financial year shall run from 1st September to 31st August.
 - d) The accounts shall be independently scrutinised and approved by the Committee annually prior to the A.G.M.

ALTERATIONS Any alteration to this constitution shall require the approval

TO of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an
CONSTITUTION Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

DISSOLUTION The Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP) may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall be given to the Members. Such Resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP), provided that, if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP) but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objectives similar to some or all of the objectives of the Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP)

This Constitution was adopted as the Constitution of Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP)

at a Meeting held in 80 Basingbourne Road, Fleet, on
19th November, 2013

and amended by the Annual General Meeting on 17th October 2017 and 16th October 2018.

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ VICE CHAIRPERSON

_____ TREASURER