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IKLEY CLEAN RIVER CAMPAIGN

Constitution of the Ilkley Clean River Group

The name of this organization is the Ilkley Clean River Group (ICRG)

Aims

The aim of the Ilkley Clean River Group is to protect the environment of the Wharfe at Ilkley by preventing damaging sewage discharges into the Wharfe from the Ilkley Sewage Treatment Works.

Objectives

The Ilkley Clean River Group objectives are to

1. To stop YW pumping solids (sanitary/ condoms and faeces) into the river Wharfe at Ilkley.
2. To stop discharges outside storm conditions (which in our view should be irregular exceptional circumstances, rather than regular when it rains) by having the license reviewed to new limits to prevent discharge at normal rainfall.
3. To bring forward the Ilkley Sewage Treatment Works upgrade so that it is fully functioning in 2019.

Membership

The Ilkley Clean River Group Membership shall be available to any individual (over the age of 18), individual junior member (under 18), who are committed to the aims and objectives of the Ilkley Clean River Campaign.

The Ilkley Clean River Group shall not discriminate upon grounds of race, colour, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, marital status or disability.

Membership may be terminated at any time if a majority of the Members present at the Members' meeting, deems the actions or comments of a Member to be inappropriate.

Entitlements

Members of the Ilkley Clean River Group are entitled to:

- a) Vote at any Members meetings
- b) Attend events organized by the ICRG
- c) Receive information about the group's activities
- d) Take part in, and set up/form ICRG working groups

Meetings

There will be an Annual General Meeting of Members in September of every year. All members are entitled to have notice, attend and speak at the AGM.

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At the AGM Members will:

1. Elect the Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
2. Elect the Group Committee
3. Receive the Annual Report of the Group Committee
4. Undertake any other business subject to 24 days notice in writing to the Secretary.

The ICRG has a small core membership. Six Members will form a Quorum for a General Meeting of ICRG, including the AGM.

Every individual member, will be entitled to cast one vote. No proxy votes are allowed.

All decisions at a General Meeting of ICRCG shall be made by majority vote (apart from amendments to this Constitution to which paragraph headed "Constitution" below shall apply). In the event of a tie the Chair of the General Meeting shall have a casting vote.

Members may call a special meeting of ICRCG by written request to the Secretary signed by no less than 51% of the membership specifying the business to be transacted at that meeting and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. The Secretary will give at least 28 days notice of the meeting to the whole membership.

The Chair of a General Meeting shall be the Chairperson or if he/she is not in attendance at a General Meeting such other member of the Group Committee that the Group Committee shall nominate.

The Group Committee may call a general meeting of ICRG by written notice to the whole membership, specifying the business to be transacted at that meeting. The Secretary will give at least 28 days notice of any such meeting.

Regular meetings and events are open to all members as are the ICRG working groups.

Group Committee

The Group Committee of ICRG shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 4 other ICRG Members and representatives of stakeholders.

The Group Committee shall be responsible for the general administration, management and control of the affairs and property of ICRCG.

The Group Committee shall have the powers to co-opt any member of ICRCG to be a member of the Group Committee and to fill any casual vacancy.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint any advisors each year (for instance river quality and environmental experts and other local bodies)

Any 3 Members of the Group Committee including at least 2 Officers shall constitute a quorum.

Decisions at Group Committee meetings will be made by a majority vote.

The Group Committee will meet at least 4 times a year.

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Group Powers

The Group Committee will have the powers to:

Manage projects and funds that meet the aims of the ICRG.

To do other lawful things as necessary for the achievement of ICRG objectives, subject to discussion at a Members' meeting.

Officers and their Duties

Ilkley Clean River Group shall have the following four officers:

Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be the Chair at all Group Committee meetings and at the AGM. In the event of his or her absence the Group Committee Members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson

Secretary: The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation of agendas and for minute taking at Group Committee meetings and at the AGM, receiving motions and nominations for elections and amendments to this Constitution.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will audit the operation of the Ilkley Clean River Group bank account. Once a year he or she will prepare a statement showing the revenues and expenses for the year to 30th April as well as the assets and liabilities to be presented to the auditors and subsequently at the AGM and circulated to all Members.

Scientific Adviser: The Scientific Adviser will oversee the scientific projects within the ICRG, and provide scientific advice to all campaign materials and events.

In the event of the absence or incapacity of any Officer the Group Committee can allocate his or her responsibilities to another Group Committee Member.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

The election of Officers and other Members of the Group Committee will take place at the AGM.

Members standing for election as Officers or as other Group Committee Members must be proposed and seconded by two Members of ICRG. Elections will be made by a majority vote of the Members at the AGM.

An Officer's term of office will run for a year following their election from the AGM in September.

A Member may stand for office as many times as they wish.

Banking/ Finance

Ilkley Clean River Group shall hold all of its monies in a bank account chosen by the Group Committee.

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The Chairperson and Treasurer will be the main signatories and one other Member will be the 3rd signatory if required. All payments out of the account over £500 will require the signature of two Officers.

The funds belonging to ICRCG shall be applied only in furthering ICRCG objectives.

ICRCG shall have the power to raise subscriptions from individuals, families and groups and to receive money by way of donations, legacies and grants and other sources.

The ICRCG financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

Dissolution

A motion for the winding up of ICRCG may be passed at an AGM by a majority of the Members present, and voting by the passing of this motion shall be subject to confirmation at a Special Meeting notified to all Members at least 7 days in advance, and convened for the purpose to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 30 clear days thereafter by more than two thirds of those Members present and voting.

In that event any surplus funds will be donated to a charity or charities to be decided at the Special Meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution

Any Member may propose amendments to this Constitution.

Alterations shall be made only upon recommendation of the Group Committee and shall be approved by no less than the majority of two-thirds of voting members present at a General Meeting of ICRCG. At least 28 days notice of this meeting, setting out the proposed amendment to this Constitution, shall be given by the Secretary.

Interpretation and Matters Not Covered By This Constitution

Any question that may arise which is not provided for in the Constitution, or where the Constitution is not clear and requires interpretation, may be decided by the Group Committee. Any such decision shall be reported to the next AGM where it may be amended by the Membership.

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/cleanwharfeikley/home?authuser=0>

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