

# SAY **NO** TO CONSETT INCINERATOR

## Say No To Consett Incinerator Campaign Constitution

**Name:** Say No To Consett Incinerator

### **Aims of the group**

- To prevent the construction of an incinerator in the town of Consett, County Durham
- To campaign for a Greener attitude and work towards a Circular Economy
- To raise funds to support the campaign and meet legal costs

### **Powers**

- To further these aims, the group may exercise the following powers
- To raise funds and receive contributions, donations and otherwise, provided that the group shall not undertake any permanent trading activity;
- To bring together representatives of voluntary and statutory organisations, government departments and individuals;
- To produce leaflets/posters to publicise group activities;
- To hold meetings;
- To pay the necessary expenses
- To appoint staff, when necessary, to carry out work;
- To undertake any other lawful activity to further the group's aims.

### **Membership**

- Membership of the group shall be open to all persons in sympathy with the group's aims and willing to abide by the group's constitution.
- The group will be non-party-political, non-sectarian and will be committed to non-discriminatory practices and equal opportunities.

### **Management committee**

- The group shall elect a management of three officers and 9 ordinary members, members who will direct the policy and management of the group. They shall serve for the duration of the campaign.
- The chair will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- The committee will have the power to co-opt members if it wishes to use this power.
- The committee will meet a minimum of four times a year. The quorum level will be set at 6 members
- From amongst the committee, a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer will be selected.
- Other members may be appointed to undertake particular responsibilities within the group, eg fundraising.

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## **Meetings**

- General meetings will be held as often as necessary and at *least four* times a year.
- An annual general meeting (AGM) of the group shall be held every year in the month of September. All members shall be notified not less than fourteen days before the meeting. An agenda will be circulated. Business of the AGM will reporting on the activities during the year, amendments to the constitution and approval of the group's accounts.
- An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) can be held at the chair's discretion or by a written request to the chair of not less than 5 Members. The meeting shall be called within twenty-one days of such a request and appropriate measures taken to inform all members. An extraordinary general meeting should only consider the business specified in the request.

## **Finances**

- Any money raised shall be used to further the aims of the group and for no other purpose;
- A bank account has been opened in the name of the group, with a minimum of two signatories;
- The account will require two signatures on any cheque or other bank document (except paying in slips).
- A simple written note of the group's financial position, will be produced and available at committee meetings;
- Finances shall be tabled at the AGM;
- No member shall derive any financial benefit from the group, except for payment of 'reasonable expenses';
- No money will be paid out in the name of the group without a receipt being presented.

## **Amendments to the constitution**

If amendment(s) to the constitution are necessary, members will be informed in writing and given the opportunity to consider and vote on the amendments. The amendment(s) will be made if there is a two-thirds majority vote of members.

## **Dissolution**

If the committee, by a simple majority, deem it advisable to dissolve the group, it shall call a meeting of all the members of the group, giving not less than 14 days notice. If such a decision is confirmed by a majority of those present, then all the assets of the group shall be transferred to another local voluntary group or community group with similar aims.

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Adopted on the .....6<sup>th</sup> ..day of .....June..... 2022 ..

Signed: Christine Thomas.....  ..... (Chair)

Signed: Michael Twiss..... (Treasurer)

Signed: Carol Forbes ..... (Secretary)