

# **WANSDYKE BRIDLEWAYS & BYWAYS ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION & RULES**

### **1. NAME**

The organisation shall be called “Wansdyke Bridleways & Byways Association” (WBBA) (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)

### **2. AIMS**

The aims of the Association shall be:

- 2.1 To preserve and improve and where possible extend the unitary authority’s bridleways and byways
- 2.2 To work towards the establishment and publicising of a network of bridleways, tracks and quiet roads that will enable horses to be ridden (and driven wherever possible) away from traffic
- 2.3 To ensure that the needs of the horse and rider are considered in any planning approvals for new roads, housing or other developments, country parks or recreational provision
- 2.4 To establish a simple Code of Conduct for riders so that the unitary authority’s rights of way and the land they pass over are respected, and to promote the observance of good road safety practice by members and local riders generally

### **3. POWERS**

- 3.1 To work or consult with the British Horse Society (BHS), the County, Unitary, District and Parish Councils in B&NES, as well as farming, conservation, access and leisure organisations and any other national, regional or local bodies, to achieve the Association’s objectives
- 3.2 To negotiate with landowners and others for the creation or extension of permissive bridleways, for use by the public generally or exclusively by Association members, and to on occasion to help finance such provision.
- 3.3 To make charitable donations
- 3.4 To employ staff or consultants as necessary for the purposes of the Association, and to pay honoraria to officers
- 3.5 To hold social, educational and fund-raising events for members and others

### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Association shall be open to all persons who subscribe to its objectives and who have paid the subscription for the current calendar year. Members who have not renewed by 30 November shall be deemed to have resigned

## 5. GOVERNANCE

### 5.1 Annual General Meeting

5.1.1 The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November. At least fourteen days' notice of such meeting, setting out the business to be transacted, shall be given to all members

5.1.2 The following matters are reserved to the Annual General Meeting:

Election of Officers except as subsequently provided  
Approval and adoption of Annual Accounts

5.1.3 The Annual General Meeting shall elect officers of the Association as follows:

Chairman                      Secretary                      Treasurer

The Executive Committee may, by co-option, fill any of the above posts not filled by the Annual General Meeting. A member may be elected to more than one office, except that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held by the same person

### 5.2 Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Chairman, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, or may be requisitioned in writing by 7 members. The requisition, which shall be served on the Secretary, shall set out details of the business to be transacted. The rules as to notice applying to Annual General Meetings shall also apply to Extraordinary General Meetings and, where the meeting results from the receipts of a valid requisition by members, such notice shall be sent out within 21 days of the receipt of the requisition

### 5.3 Quorum

The quorum for Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be 7 members, or 10% of the membership, whichever is the less. If a properly convened Annual General Meeting should remain inquorate 20 minutes after the time specified for its commencement, the matters reserved to the Annual General Meeting specified in 5.1.2 above shall devolve on the Executive Committee, and the officers of the Association specified in 5.1.3 above and elected under this provision shall continue in office until the next annual General Meeting (or the next Extraordinary General Meeting, if called to elect officers following an inquorate Annual General Meeting)

### 5.4 Sub-Committees

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint such standing and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary

### 5.5 Conduct of Meetings

5.5.1 The chair at Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings, at all meetings of the Committee, shall be taken by the Chairman of the Association or, if the chairman is not present, by the Vice-Chairman. If both are absent, the meeting shall be taken by the Secretary or the Treasurer

- 5.5.2 The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Press Officer shall be ex-officio members of any committees and sub-committees of the Association
- 5.5.3 Any sub-committees shall keep records of their proceedings and decisions, which shall be available to the Executive Committee

## **6. DISSOLUTION**

The Association shall be dissolved if a resolution to that effect is approved by a simple majority at a properly convened General Meeting and details of the proposed dissolution were given in the notice of the meeting. On dissolution, any balance of funds shall be donated to organisations whose aims and objectives most nearly correspond to those of the Association, and there shall be no distribution of residual funds to members

## **7. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTIONS AND RULES**

The Constitution and Rules shall be amended if a resolution to that effect is approved by a simple majority vote at a properly convened Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting and details of the proposed amendments were given in the notice of the meeting.