

Constitution

Name

1. The Group shall be known as Bhaam. Blackdown Hills Artists and Makers

Aim

2. To stimulate, support and celebrate creative arts in the Blackdown Hills

Object

3. The Group is established to act as a focal point for all those with an interest in creative arts within and around the Blackdown Hills AONB
4. To stimulate arts activities within the Blackdown Hills.
5. In doing this the Group will:
 - a) Look actively for funding to strengthen and ensure the long term future of the Group.
 - b) Work with other organisations, private, statutory and voluntary, and with individuals to achieve our aims
 - c) Identify specific people/organisations to take the recommendations forward
 - d) Prepare an annual report of its activities
 - e) Make an annual report of activities to all members

Membership

6. Membership of the Group is open to all those with an interest in creative arts within the Blackdown Hills and surrounding area. A fee for membership of the group will be made of £10 per year per individual.
7. All members of the Group shall have one vote.

Meetings of the Group

8. The Group shall have a minimum of 2 meetings a year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.
9. The committee will meet at least 4 times a year.

Annual General Meeting

10. An Annual General Meeting shall be held annually in the month of June (or within one month of the stated month) where a report of the Groups activities will be made and accounts presented.
11. The Group shall elect annually a committee at its Annual General Meeting. The number of members of the committee shall be 8 members

The Group shall elect a Chairman at its Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will have an additional, casting, vote in the event of a tied vote.

Meetings of the Committee

12. The committee shall meet at times and venues which will make the meetings accessible to the widest number of members. The Committee shall meet a minimum of four times during the financial year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.
13. Notice of committee meetings shall be given three weeks in advance of the meeting.
14. Minutes of all meetings shall be kept.
15. The minimum number of members needed for a meeting to proceed is three.

Officers

16. The Committee may appoint a secretary (who may or may not be a member of the committee). It will be the duty of the Secretary to draw up an agenda in consultation with the Chairman.
17. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Committee. The Treasurer shall be one of three signatories for a bank account. All financial transactions must be done with two signatures, one of which should be the Treasurer's.

Review of Activities

18. The Group shall review its activities no later than (3 years from the date of its establishment) to review progress and whether it wishes to continue.

Dissolution

19. A meeting of the membership shall decide by a majority vote to dissolve the Group
20. All funds remaining in the account (subject to all debts being cleared) shall be given to an organisation with similar aims working for the benefit of creative arts.