

## Friends of Trendlewood Park

# Constitution issue 1

**Name:** Friends of Trendlewood Park.

**Aims:**

- 1) To contribute to the protection and enhancement of Trendlewood Way Community Park (the Park) as wildlife habitats and a recreational resource for the people of Nailsea.
- 2) To raise awareness of the geology, industrial archaeology and landscape history of the Park and to preserve evidence of its past.
- 3) To promote the Park as urban woodland and grassland and to encourage its responsible use by members of the public.

**Objectives**

- 1) Assist the owner of the Park, North Somerset Council, to manage and preserve it in accordance with the Trendlewood Way Community Park Management Plan.
- 2) Encourage members of the public to respect and preserve the Park, while encouraging them to enjoy and appreciate it.
- 3) Liaise with the Trendlewood Way community Park Management Committee and officers of North Somerset Council on activities that will benefit the Park.
- 4) Report misuse of the Park, and to rectify or to seek rectification of damage done to it whether natural or man-made.
- 5) Report problems with the Pennant Sandstone quarry face (a Regionally Important Geological Site - RIGS). (e.g. graffiti)
- 6) Investigate, identify and restore features of the historic quarrying industry, leading to an explanation and presentation of information discovered.
- 7) Develop an educational programme with links to local schools and community groups.
- 8) Promote local volunteer involvement.
- 9) Ensure that adequate insurance cover, training and risk assessment is provided for all activities carried out by group members.
- 10) Apply for funding from grant-making bodies as necessary.

### **Membership:**

- 1) Open to all over the age of 18 years who have an interest in the protection, use and promotion of the Park. Children can be involved if accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 2) The secretary should maintain a membership list including contact details provided by the new member on a membership form.

### **Annual General Meeting and other meetings.**

AGM to be held annually and to be open to all members. Additional meetings to be held as required.

### **The Friends Committee.**

- 1) Committee to be elected, by the members, at a General Meeting and thereafter, annually, at the AGM. Each candidate should be proposed and seconded.
- 2) The Committee to be 4 or more members including a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
- 3) Decisions to be made by simple majority of committee members attending, subject to a quorum of 3, including at least one officer.
- 4) The Friends Committee can co-opt additional members, or set up a sub-committee for specific tasks or projects by a simple majority at any time. Any sub-committee should report back to the Committee for decision-making.
- 5) Minutes and Advance agendas to be issued for each meeting.

### **Finances:**

- 1) Friends of Trendlewood Park will seek funding from appropriate bodies for the effective running of the group, including training and special projects.
- 2) A bank or building society account to be opened in the name of 'Friends of Trendlewood Park'.
- 3) All cheques to be signed by the Treasurer and 1 other officer of the Committee.
- 4) Accounts are to be kept and presented at the AGM.
- 5) In the event of the group being dissolved any remaining funds will be given to a like-minded group, to be agreed by the Friends Management Committee.
- 6) Any remaining grant monies to be returned to the awarding bodies.

**Amendments:** This constitution can only be altered at a properly convened general meeting of members.