

# SHELFORD AND WHITTLESFORD RAIL USERS' GROUP

## CONSTITUTION

1. The Name of the Association shall be **Shelford and Whittlesford Rail Users' Group**
2. The Aims of the Association shall be:
  - a. To promote the retention, improvement, use of and access to Whittlesford and Shelford railway stations ("The Stations").
  - b. To promote the retention, improvement, use of and access to that portion of the Cambridge to Liverpool St line serving the Stations, being that which runs southwards from Shepreth Branch Junction as far as the Essex/Cambridgeshire border ("The Railway").
  - c. To promote the integration of the Railway and Stations into the local communities.
  - d. To promote the integration of the Railway and Stations with other forms of public and private transport, cycling and walking.
  - e. To support the general aims of reducing private motor vehicle usage in favour of public transport.
  - f. To cooperate with other Rail User Groups in neighbouring districts for the promotion of rail use and the better integration of the rail network.
  - g. To develop working relationships with Network Rail, train operation companies, local communities and all appropriate tiers of government to further the aims of the Association.
3. Membership
  - a. Membership shall be open to all persons in agreement with the Aims of the Association.
  - b. If the Constitution imposes a subscription or any criteria for membership, those bodies or persons not willing to fulfil the criteria will cease to be members.
4. Finance
  - a. To pursue its Aims, the Association may receive subscriptions, donations and other contributions or income to offset relevant expenditure.
5. Governance
  - a. The Association shall be governed by a Committee consisting of a number of Officers and of a minimum of [n] ordinary Committee Members
  - b. The posts of Officer shall comprise:
    - i. Chair
    - ii. Vice-chair
    - iii. Secretary
    - iv. Membership Secretary
    - v. Treasurer
    - vi. Social media

- c. A member of the Committee may hold more than one post of Officer excluding the combinations of Chair and Secretary or Chair and Vice-chair, and provided that the minimum number of postholders is [x].

#### 6. Meetings

- a. The Committee shall meet a minimum of [x] times per calendar year.
- b. A Committee Meeting will be quorate by a minimum of [x] attendees comprising a minimum of [x] Officers one of whom must act as Chair and another as Secretary to the meeting.
- c. The Association will hold a General Meeting each year with the full membership invited with a minimum of 14 days' notice.
- d. All Meetings will be minuted with minutes available to all members.

#### 7. Settlement of the Constitution

- a. This Constitution, having been amended and/or adopted at an inaugural meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017, will thereby take effect and govern the Association until amended by subsequent Meetings.
- b. The Constitution may be amended at any subsequent Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

#### Appendix to the Constitution

It is expected that Meetings (be they Committee or General) subsequent to that on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017 will adopt by two-thirds majority vote an amended Constitution which shall stipulating among other things:

- c. The electoral criteria by which the Constitution may be subsequently amended.
- d. The electoral criteria by which other decisions may be taken.
- e. Matters relating to the finances of the Association are governed.
- f. The composition of and manner of elections or selections to the Committee.