

Green Tides

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be **Green Tides**. A volunteer led Partnership that brings together groups and organisations across Adur and Worthing with an interest in green spaces.

2. Geographical Area

The focus areas of Green Tides are The District of Adur and the Borough of Worthing.

3. Aims

The aims of Green Tides are as follows:

- Promote and safeguard Adur and Worthing green spaces.
- Support the many community groups, charities, CIC's and friends' groups within Adur and Worthing, who manage, maintain or provide activities on our valuable green spaces.
- To facilitate regular communication, skills sharing and partnership working between Green Tides members.
- Share equipment and resources.
- To advocate the value of green spaces to decision makers and the general public.
- To engage more people in the caring for green spaces.
- To raise funds for the benefits of green spaces and their users
- To preserve and enhance green spaces.

4. Powers

To further these aims the committee shall have the power to:

- Admit to membership organisations who share the aims of Green Tides.
- To work with statutory and non statutory agencies with similar aims or purposes and exchange information and advice with them.
- Recruit volunteers and employ such staff that is necessary for the proper pursuit of the aims.
- To appoint such committees as the Management Committee may think fit.
- Organise and hold regular (being no less than 2 per annum) meetings of Green Tides members and Adur and Worthing Council Officers.
- To raise funds and receive contributions and make grant applications where appropriate to finance the work of Green Tides.
- To publicise and promote the work of Green Tides and its members.
- Carry out and publish results of research such as public surveys.
- Collect and disseminate relevant information.
- Publicise green spaces (and their benefits) using various means including printed media, press releases, the internet and social media.

- To organise meetings, training courses and events as appropriate.
- To open bank accounts.
- To take out insurances where appropriate.
- Carry out other such lawful activities required to further the aims of Green Tides.
- Remove any organisations or committee members whose actions are not compatible with the objectives of Green Tides.

5. Equal opportunities

Green Tides is committed to being accessible and inclusive for all and to treat everyone fairly and equally regardless of age, disability, gender re-assignment, income, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation as set out in the Equality Act 2010.

6. Membership

Membership shall be open to individuals, groups and organisations who share some or all of the aims of Green Tides.

Membership details shall be kept by the Secretary and updated annually.

Membership is by application to the management committee.

The management committee reserves the right to approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate membership if it is felt members are not acting in accordance with the constitution and/or the stated aims of Green Tides.

Any member of Green Tides may resign his/her membership and any representative of a member organisation or section may resign such position, by giving to the Secretary of Green Tides written notice to that effect.

7. Management Committee

The management committee will be elected by Green Tides members at the AGM.

Green Tides shall be administered by a Management Committee of not less than three (3) people and not more than ten (10) members elected at the Partnerships annual General Meeting (AGM).

Management Committee members must be at least 18 years old.

The officers of the Management Committee shall be:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- And such other officers that Green Tides shall deem necessary.

The Management Committee shall be accountable to members at all times.

The Management Committee is empowered to co-opt other interim members as needed, provided that the maximum number of the committee is not exceeded.

Empowered to set up sub-groups and working parties as deemed necessary who shall be accountable to the committee.

Committee members shall be elected annually at the AGM.

8. Meetings

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 15 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.

The business of the AGM shall include:

- Receiving a report from the Chairperson of Green Tides, describing activities over the year.
- Receiving a report and presentation of the last financial year's accounts from the Treasurer on the finances of Green Tides.
- Electing a new Management Committee and considering any other matter as may be appropriate.
- The quorum of the AGM shall be at least eight (8) persons of which no more than three (3) shall be Management Committee members.

General meetings of Green Tides

At least two (2) general meetings will be held in each calendar year (one in each half). The purpose of these meetings is for the Management Committee to account for its actions and for ordinary members to voice concerns and issues.

The chair shall normally be the Chairperson of Green Tides.

At least twenty-eight (28) days' notice of the meeting shall be given.

All meetings will be minuted and available to any interested party.

Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Management Committee giving at least twenty-eight (28) days notice to membership.

Management Committee

The Management Committee will meet at least four (4) times a year. Should the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson be absent, the committee will nominate a member to assume the Chairperson's role.

A Management Committee meeting will be considered quorate if one officer and two (2) other elected members are present.

In the event of a tie on any issue, the Chairperson will have a casting vote.

Records of Meetings

The Secretary shall take a record of all meetings of Green Tides and its Management Committee and produce minutes for confirmation. The minutes are to be proposed and seconded as a true record at the next meeting and recorded as such in the minutes.

9. Finance

The funds of Green Tides including all donations, contributions and grants shall be paid into an account operated by the Management Committee.

The committee shall be responsible for maintaining accounts of all money raised and all sums disbursed on behalf of Green Tides.

All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Management Committee (who must not be related).

The funds belonging to Green Tides shall be applied only to further the aims as stated above.

A current record of all income and expenditure will be kept and reported at committee meetings and the AGM.

An independent auditor or examiner appointed by the committee shall audit the accounts at least once a year before the AGM.

Any member having an interest in the funds of Green Tides may be allowed to inspect the books and records of Green Tides provided 28 days notice is given in writing.

10. Amending the Constitution

The constitution can only be amended at the AGM or at an EGM called specifically for the purpose. Notice of motion to amend the constitution must be received at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the meeting and members must be informed of any proposed change at least fourteen (14) days before.

Any proposed change to the constitution must receive the support of two thirds of those members present and voting at a general meeting.

11. Dissolution Clause

Green Tides may be wound up by a two thirds majority decision of those present and voting at a general meeting. After payment of Green Tides debts and liabilities any monies remaining shall be returned to their provider, if required, if not, donated to a group with similar aims, to be nominated at the 'winding up' meeting.

12. Adoption of the Constitution

This constitution was adopted by the members present at the EGM held on:

.....10th December 2019

Signed on behalf of Green Tides

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