

CONSTITUTION for ACE MONMOUTH

1. NAME

The name of the group is **ACE Monmouth** where ACE stands for Action on the Climate Emergency

2. THE PURPOSES OF THE GROUP ARE TO:-

- Raise local awareness of the biodiversity and climate emergencies
- Promote ways in which local people and organisations can prevent and mitigate further climate change and biodiversity loss
- Work with local organisations with similar aims to expand the reach of ACE Monmouth into the wider community for the exchange of ideas, information and advice on ways to tackle the biodiversity and climate crises
- Abide by and promote the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who supports the purposes of the group. The Steering Group will keep a membership list in compliance with GDPR data privacy requirements. This information will not be revealed or shared with anyone without the express permission of the member. A member may resign by informing a member of the Steering Group.

Any offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks, will not be permitted. Anyone behaving in an offensive way or breaking the equal opportunities policy or attempting to undermine the aims of the group may be asked not to attend further meetings or to resign from the group. The individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Steering Group, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

ACE Monmouth will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

4. STEERING GROUP

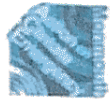
ACE Monmouth will be managed by a Steering Group elected at the AGM. It will consist of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to two other Officers or members

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- An AGM must be held every year, with 14 days notice and agenda notified to all members
- At least six members must be present at the AGM
- The Officers will present the annual report and accounts for the year
- Officers, to include Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, will be elected for the coming year
- Additional members of the Steering Group can be elected
- Any member may put themselves forward for election
- Every member has one vote

6. CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the purposes, the ACE Monmouth has the power to:-



- Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- Buy or sell property, take on leases and employ staff
- Take lawful and reasonable action in pursuit of the purposes

7. MONEY AND PROPERTY

Funds must be held in the group's bank account. Any expenditure must be agreed at a Members' Meeting. All cheques must be signed by two Steering Group members. Funds cannot be used to pay members except to refund legitimate expenses, unless agreed by a majority at a Members' Meeting. Funds and property must only be used for the purposes of the Group.

8. STEERING GROUP MEETINGS

Steering Group meetings shall be held if required and at the request of at least two Officers.

9. MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Members' Meetings will be held at least six times a year. All members will receive notification at least 14 days prior to the meeting. These meetings will generally be held to discuss and decide on matters of current interest by general agreement. If a consensus cannot be reached, a vote will take place and a decision will be made by a simple majority; if necessary, a decision may be reached with the Chair of the meeting having a casting vote. Meetings may also be used to:-

- Change the Constitution: The Constitution may be changed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. Details of the proposed changes must be notified to all members at least 14 days prior to the meeting
- Winding Up: The Group, having notified all members of the details at least 14 days prior to the meeting, may be wound up by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting. Any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a group with similar (charitable) purposes

10. SETTING UP THE GROUP

This new Constitution was adopted on 31st March 2022 by the people whose signatures appear below.

Signed

Print name and address

[Signature]

Chair

[Signature]
Secretary

CLAUDIA BLAIR, 96 HEREFORD RD NP25 3TH

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NP25 3HQ

Treasurer

[Signature]

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Marketing

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