

15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

# The WSCUG Constitution

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Well Street Common User Group (the User Group) shall be:

to protect Well Street Common (the Common) as an open access area, for the safe use of and enjoyment by the local community;

to encourage and promote the use of the Common for both active and passive recreation and for social and play activities for all local residents;

to promote an annual community festival on the Common;

to promote the maintenance and upkeep of the Common;

to advise and liaise with the appropriate bodies and officers of the London Borough of Hackney in respect of the management, direction, control and development of the Common;

to promote local awareness of the Common and any proposals for its use;

to liaise, as appropriate, with local community groups, tenants and residents associations, schools and other organisations over any proposals for developments and activities on the Common;

to promote, support and encourage the London Borough of Hackney's equal opportunities and diversity policies in the management of the Common.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the User Group shall be open to all local residents and users of the Common, irrespective of race, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual or political orientation

The Secretary of the User Group shall keep a register of members.

## **COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

The officers of the User Group shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, together with up to 6 other members, shall form the Committee of the Group, and shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.

A quorum shall be the Chair and 4 Committee members.

All votes shall be on a show of hands by members of the Committee and decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. The Chair or person chairing the meeting shall have a second casting vote if the voting is equal.

The Committee shall have general control and management of the administration of the User Group.

## **MEETINGS**

General Meetings of the User Group shall be held at least quarterly.

One of the General Meetings each year shall be the Annual General Meeting.

All votes shall be on a show of hands by Members, and decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. The Chair or person chairing the meeting shall have a second casting vote if the voting is equal.

No elected Councilor of the London Borough of Hackney shall be permitted to chair any meeting or to vote.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to ensure that records of all General and Committee Meetings are kept.

The Constitution can be amended at a General Meeting

## **FUNDS**

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and present a financial report to the Annual General Meeting.

All banking shall be done in the name of the User Group.

All funds of the User Group shall be applied for the purposes of the User Group or for charitable purposes similar to it.

If the User Group shall be dissolved all funds shall be applied to charitable purposes.

No member of the Committee shall be entitled to any financial benefit save for reimbursement of any expenses properly incurred on behalf of the User Group.

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