

## **Locals Against Mayfield Building Sprawl (LAMBS) CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

- 1 NAME: The name of the association shall be Locals Against Mayfield Building Sprawl (LAMBS) hereinafter called the 'Association'.
- 2 AIMS: The aims of the Association shall be the preservation and protection of the Low Weald of West Sussex Weald by supporting sustainable organic development and opposing unsustainable development that would impact upon the character of the Towns, Villages and Hamlets in the Low Weald by being well informed so as to influence the planning process both locally and, where possible, nationally. The most pressing issue at hand which is to override all others is for the association to oppose the application by Mayfields to develop a new town in the Low Weald.
- 3 MEMBERSHIP: All persons who are interested in furthering the aims of the Association shall be eligible for membership, subject to the discretion of the Committee.
- 4 COMMITTEE: There will be a minimum of five and a maximum of nine Committee Members. Committee Members shall choose Officers of the Association such as a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from among themselves and may co-opt other Members to fill vacancies in the Committee including deputies. Committee Members may form sub-committees and co-opt other Members of the Association or others whose expertise may serve the purposes of the Association to serve on sub-committees except that all sub-committees shall be chaired by a Member of the Committee of the Association.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Committee and sub-committee meetings shall normally be held at not less than 7 days' notice except that notice may be waived by a majority of all Members of the Committee or sub-committee.
- 6 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of the meetings of the Association.
- 7 TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep a record of sums received and expended and of any assets and liabilities. The Treasurer shall present to the committee a quarterly update of such records and to undertake to review for updating the records each month. At each Annual General Meeting a report shall also be prepared at a date not more than one month before the Meeting. The Treasurer shall record the identity of subscribers and maintain a register of members.
- 8 CO-ORDINATION: The Association shall have the power to act through its Committee as a co-ordinating body to liaise and co-operate with any local or statutory authority, voluntary organisation, charity or person having aims similar to those of the Association.

- 9 FINANCE: The Association shall have the power through its Committee to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription donation or otherwise, except that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purposes.
- 10 MEETINGS: The Association shall normally meet once a month and a minimum of five times a year. Special meetings may be arranged by the Committee upon 7 days' written notice unless the business of the meeting includes a resolution to wind up the Association, or alter its Constitution and Rules, when 21 days' written notice shall be given. In all other cases notice of special meetings may be waived by consent of a majority of the Members.
- 11 VOTING: At every meeting of the Association each Member present in person shall have one vote and matters put to the vote shall be decided (except in the case of a winding up or a change of this Constitution and Rules) by a simple majority of all those entitled to vote, and in the event of a draw the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 12 QUORUM: Five members present shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Association and for Committee Meetings one third (being no fewer than three) of all Committee Members.
- 13 WINDING UP: The Association may only be wound up by a resolution of the Association in general meeting (or a special meeting convened for the purpose) upon 21 days' written notice by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote. On winding up the assets of the Association, after all debts have been paid, any remaining funds shall be transferred to the Council for the Protection of Rural England.
- 14 CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES: This Constitution and Rules may be changed only by a resolution of the Association in general meeting (or in a special meeting convened for the purpose) upon 21 days' written notice by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.