

Cambridgeshire Mammal Group

Constitution

- 1 The name of the organisation shall be “Cambridgeshire Mammal Group” or such other name as the organisation may from time to time decide.
- 2 The objects of the organisation shall be to work for the conservation and protection of wild mammals in Cambridgeshire by:
 - 2.1 maintaining records of the presence and activities of wild mammals in order to protect habitats from illegal interference and land development, to encourage protective measures at accident black spots, and to monitor the status of wild mammals in Cambridgeshire;
 - 2.2 helping investigate cases of suspected persecution or habitat disturbance in liaison with all relevant authorities;
 - 2.3 promoting public awareness of wild mammals and their conservation;
 - 2.4 organising training for members and others in mammal-related matters;
 - 2.5 providing advice and practical help to all relevant organisations and the public on habitat improvement and mammal-related matters.
- 3 In addition to any other powers the organisation has it may exercise the following powers in furtherance of its objects:
 - 3.1 power to raise and hold funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds it shall not undertake any substantial trading activities;
 - 3.2 power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property, and to maintain and equip it for use;
 - 3.3 power to invest the funds of the organisation in any of the investments for the time being authorised for the investment of charity funds.
- 4 Accounting arrangements:
 - 4.1 The accounts of the organisation shall be kept by the Treasurer. Annual statements of account shall be presented at annual general meetings and shall consist of an income and expenditure account, a balance sheet and a relevant account reconciliation statement.
 - 4.2 Any bank or other account in which any assets of the organisation are deposited shall be operated by the officers and shall be held in the name of the organisation. All orders for the payment of money from such account shall be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other officer.
- 5 Membership of the organisation shall be open to individuals and to relevant organisations with an interest in the objects of the organisation as defined in section 2 above. A joining fee and/or an annual membership fee shall be payable at a level or levels determined from time to time at annual general meeting. Individuals and organisations wishing to join shall be required to complete an application form and agree to the conditions stated thereon. The officers of the organisation shall have the power by simple majority vote to refuse membership without explanation. Any membership may be terminated at annual general meeting by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting. Voting shall be as defined in section 6 below.
- 6 The organisation shall hold an annual general meeting for the election of officers, for the consideration of the Chairman's Report and the annual statements of account as defined in

section 4.1 above, and for such other matters as the members wish. Any matter requiring determination shall be determined by a simple majority of those members present and voting. Members shall have one vote each and organisations which are members shall have one vote per organisation.

7 The officers shall be:

- 7.1 Chairman,
- 7.2 Secretary,
- 7.3 Treasurer,
- 7.4 Membership Secretary,
- 7.5 Newsletter Editor,
- 7.6 Sett Recorder,
- 7.7 RTA Recorder,

and such other officers as may be created as deemed necessary by the members at annual general meeting. Officers shall be elected annually at annual general meeting and may be re-elected to office. The members at annual general meeting may delegate such powers to officers as the members may deem necessary.

8 The organisation may set up such committees as deemed necessary by the members at annual general meeting and delegate such powers to such committees as the members may deem necessary.

9 The constitution may be amended by a resolution passed at annual general meeting by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting. Voting shall be as defined in section 6 above. The notice of the annual general meeting shall include notice of the resolution setting out the terms of the amendment proposed.

10 If on the winding-up of the organisation any property remains after satisfaction of all the organisations debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the organisation but shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies (incorporated or unincorporated) whose objects are wholly or partially similar to the objects of the organisation. The body or bodies to which property is transferred shall be determined by the members of the organisation at or before the time of dissolution.

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